

1. PRESENT

Vanessa Harvey, Ros Smith, Robin Warman, Alison Carling, Tim Dilks, Keith Oakley.

2. APOLOGIES

Abi Grute and Lynne Burge.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of Committee Meeting 26th April, 2017 approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a) Alison reported that she had experienced all sorts of problems renewing the debit card with Barclays after it ran out in July. This has now been sorted out. The committee agreed that, following a history of similar issues, the account should be moved to Nationwide, which is a mutual building society.
- b) Alison has completed and balanced the accounts and these will be signed off by the accountant.
- c) Balances:
 - Deposit Account £643.91
 - Current Account: £1446.24

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

There are new plot holders at both sites. There is a waiting list of 20 at Tilmore.

- a) Alison has provided these figures:
 - Sheet 112 plots and 23 members
 - Tilmore 74 plots and 30 members

- b) Alison noted that the highest membership was 103, when Sheet Parish Council collected membership fees together with plot fees. Could we return to this system?

7. TRADING REPORT

Abi has completed reconciliation, showing sales of £870.20 and a profit of £115.39. The reconciliation will be available at the AGM.

8. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING WITH PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2017.

Vanessa and Alison met with Councillor Lesley Farrow and Dugg Budd.

- a) The suggestion of compulsory membership for new plot holders was not well received.
- b) We made the point that, at these meetings, we are not representing all plot holders, just members and that members' contributions should not be spent on benefits to all plot holders.
- c) Reaction from the committee was disappointment and it was suggested that PTC could do more to promote the association.
- d) The suggestion of moving the main gate at Tilmore onto flatter ground to make the allotments more accessible to people with disabilities was more favourably received and Lesley said she would discuss this with the council.
- e) The suggestion of providing a pedestrian gate was not discussed.
- f) The problems with the north gate were discussed and Dugg said he would attach a skirt to block the gap below. Ros to email Marion about this as nothing has happened.

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9. AGM PREPARATION

- a) Alison to send a reminder email to all plot holders re date of AGM, Wednesday 1st November, The Half Moon at 7:30 pm.
- b) Vanessa has all the trophies and will arrange vouchers for winners.
- c) Alison to acquire £50 prizes from the councils and provide cheques for first prize winners.
- d) Rob Dark and Robin Forest from Sheet PC have expressed a wish to present the prizes and it was suggested that Petersfield TC should be invited to do this too.
- e) Post holders, please arrive at the AGM by 7 pm.

10. AOB

- a) Ros discussed the ins and outs of the seed order and provided a flyer to be attached to the Kings catalogue for comment. A final copy will be circulated before the AGM for approval.
- b) Alison has confirmed that the 50% discount applies to vegetable seeds, flower seeds, green manures and star buys. All other items are full price and all orders are subject to £1 postage.
- c) Alison will provide a membership list to confirm eligibility for discount.
- d) Ros will occupy a slot at the AGM to explain procedures.
- e) Keith remarked that the prolific use of power tools at the allotment shatters the peace, particularly trimmers and rotavators. It was pointed out that the banning of power tools is a controversial issue for many reasons (fitness, time) and that there is no official ruling on this matter. It was suggested that Tim could cover this issue in his Chairman's speech and request courtesy. It was suggested that a poster could be put on the gates asking for consideration and Alison has since drafted one. Ros reminded us that this should be delayed until after the AGM.
- f) Tim congratulated Alison on being awarded the "best pair of pumpkins" by the Petersfield Pumpkin and Squash Society.