

1. PRESENT

Tim Dilks, Vanessa Harvey, Alison Carling, Robin Warman, Abi Grute, David Mogg, Keith Oakley

2. APOLOGIES

Lynne Burge and Ros Smith.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of meeting 18th October, 2017 approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The issue of membership of Sheet site fees being collected together with plot rents was discussed. It was thought this practice was stopped due to complications in the accounts. As there used to be more members when that procedure was in place, Robin will raise the matter with SPC.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

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| a) Balances: | b) Pending payments: |
| • £ 1562.21 current account | • £ 200 RHS Insurance |
| • £ 644.10 deposit account | • £ 644.30 Warwicks |

Alison is to review insurance and see if there is a better deal on offer.

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Robin has emailed Jenny to find out how many plots are vacant at Sheet. Two plots have been turned into a car park.

Two new members at Sheet; Abi passed details and fees to Alison.

7. TRADING REPORT

Abi handed £337.95 to Alison, this being the takings so far from sales of potatoes and sundries from the shed where business has been brisk.

Abi said that sales of minerals e.g. potash have been up as members now know they are available. Abi will write a piece for the newsletter on uses of minerals.

8. WEBSITE

David has posted drafts of his role descriptions and procedures on the website. Committee to feed back. David said he is unable to edit the website and is working to resolve this problem: post meeting note – website now editable again

9. AOB

- a) BBQ: to be on Sunday 22nd July. It was suggested that two brick built BBQs could be erected in the far car park at Tilmore where the old compost bins were previously. Vanessa to ask Doug about this at allotment inspection. Thursday 22nd March. Otherwise, the committee agreed they could buy two BBQs, one to be veggie. Tim volunteered to make veggie kebabs and promised not to cook them with the burgers!!!
- b) Plot judging week is June 30th till 8th July. The neatness of plots element in judging was raised. It was felt weeds and wild flowers support biodiversity.
- c) Abi reported a complaint had been made about the dumping of weeds in the car park. Alison to include a piece about this in the newsletter and put up a notice.
- d) Sheet paths are in a state. Robin to raise this with Jenny. SPC say that cost is an issue. David informed the committee that Big Lottery Fund Reaching Communities programme grants are available for Parish Councils. To be investigated.
- e) The possibility of membership cards and store discounts was discussed. Alison felt this would be a lot of work and Abi questioned whether the number of members would make this viable for traders. To be further discussed.
- f) Sheet has a new magnetic notice board, which is much appreciated. The brass plaque is with Jenny Hollington and Robin is arranging to have it placed back on the Notice Board.
- g) It has been suggested that a member's bonfire event could be held close to Guy Fawkes Night with root veg soup. There is a fire site on Tilmore used by Doug near to the Kimbers boundary on the third tier of plots.