

1. PRESENT

Tim Dilks, Vanessa Harvey, Alison Carling, Keith Oakley Ros Smith, Lynne Burge, Abi Grute

2. APOLOGIES

David Mogg, and Robin Warman.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of meeting 21st March 2018 approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Free manure for members.

It was agreed to go ahead with the free manure on a trial basis.

Vanessa to contact David Redman re: supply.

(After the meeting it was suggested that it would be advisable to supply the manure to the two sites on successive or different weekends to enable sufficient committee members to police the event. Vanessa has since requested volunteers to advise their availability to help.)

4.2 Dogs on leads - Tim to mention this at AGM.

4.3 It was suggested that we ask PTC/SPC to reissue rules annually, perhaps with invoices.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

a) Balances:

- £ 722.47 current account
- £ 644.74 deposit account

b) Pending payments:

£300

6. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership is the same as last year.

7. TRADING REPORT

5.1 Trading has held up well with £850 sales and £240 potatoes. Zero losses due to waste.

5.2 Shed - broken window, roof needs refelting, some feather boards need replacing.

It was agreed to contact Jez Grosvenor for a quote.

(Vanessa has met Jez at the shed and he will provide a quote. Committee to be advised.)

The committee agreed that they could paint the shed.)

5.3 It was suggested that it might be worth extending the opening hours, especially if another volunteer could be recruited to help. To be included in newsletter.

5.4 The possibility of changing supplier was raised, as it was felt Warwicks are pricey. It was agreed it would be worth investigating if the National Allotment Association recommended a particular supplier or finding out whom other allotment associations use (Liss, Adhurst).

5.5 Alison to circulate potato order forms.

8. AGM TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 2018

8.1 Secretary will prepare and circulate agenda, organism prizes, as usual.

8.2 Speeches: Chair – Tim; Seeds – Ros; Trading – Abi; Treasurer's- Alison

8.3 It was agreed to invite Councillor Lesley Farrow as a guest and to present the prizes and to say a few words. (She has been invited.)

9. AOB

9.1 PTC offer to rotavate plots for a small charge. There was a discussion and divided opinion about rotavation and general use of power tools. It was agreed not to promote the service and leave it to individuals to contact the council.

9.2 A member has reported the bottom gate padlock is difficult to open. Vanessa will mention to Dugg on final tour of Allotments with PTC on 1.11.2018.

The meeting closed at 8:10 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Date to be advised