

Minutes

1. Apologies: Lynne, Ros, Abi
2. Present: Tim, David, Vanessa, Steve, Robin. Visitor: Julie Yardley
3. Minutes of Meeting 22.5.2019 were accepted as correct.
4. Matters Arising – the paths at Sheet remain very poor; David to email Sheet Parish Council on this matter.
5. Treasurer's Report, Trading Report and Membership Update were deferred as committee members were not present.
Abi will provide Alison with the trading figures for the annual accounts.
6. AGM date: Wednesday 20th November, 2019
- 6.1 Vanessa to prepare agenda based on last year's:
Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
Trading Report
Seed Orders – the box for the catalogues at Sheet is in Robin's shed
Potatoes – the order form is on the website and is to be circulated to members by email – Alison to organise. David said the return date on the order form is the end of October and the committee wondered if this was supposed to be the end of November. Vanessa to email Abi about this.
- 6.2 Prizes – It was noted that there was a tie at Sheet for first prize. It was agreed that the Association should fund one of the prizes. Alison to request prize money from Sheet PC and Petersfield TC. Vanessa to organise vouchers and cups.
- 6.3 Invites: Vanessa to invite councillors from Sheet and Petersfield via Jenny and Katherine.
7. A.O.B
- 7.1 Steve mentioned the fire at Sheet and suggested a formal 'thank you' be extended to the two men who summoned the emergency services. It was noted that the hedges in Mill Lane do not allow easy passage of a fire engine and it was pointed out that the access is restricted all the way along the lane due to this and cars parked by the houses. It was suggested that this issue be raised with Sheet PC. (Vanessa)
- 7.2 Julie Yardley – Julie explained her concerns about plot holders spraying on the allotments and that sometimes individuals are not even sure what they are spraying. Plot holders are not properly trained nor do they wear protective clothing. Spray drifts across to others' plots and affects the crops, wildlife and any person or animal it gets into contact with. Julie feels that plot holders should inform the council and other plot holders what, when and where they are spraying. There was a really useful discussion about the issue and much support and interest from the committee.
It was agreed that Julie should prepare a questionnaire to find out what is happening at present and to determine plot holders' opinions on spraying and how it should be managed. This would be considered by the committee then shown to SPC and PTC. Julie is happy for anyone to visit her plot to see her compost heap and how she gardens organically.
The meeting closed at 8:15 pm