

The Hungerford Allotments Holders Association

Annual General Meeting – 5th June 2016

Marsh Lane & Fairfields

British Legion Hungerford Hungerford – 7.30pm

Present: , Jamie Hieatt, Ed Sweetman, Bonnie & Peter Hildred, Alison Russell, Martin Bright, Gill Rowland, Ann Presto, Des Reardon, Jane Pike, Neal Pike, Derek Loft, Geoff Greenland, Ted Angell, Belinda Robinson, Forbes Stephenson, Zoe Coleman

Apologies: None

We invited HTC councilors, Martin Crane is on Holiday. We did not invite the West Berkshire Councillors.

Approval of AGM 2015 Minutes

Update of Constitution not approved.

Geoff Greenland was never seconded as Chairman in the minutes. Derek Loft did second.

AGM 2015 Minutes approved – Proposed Jamie Hieatt – Seconded Bonnie Hildred

EGM 2015 Minutes approved – Proposed Derek Loft – Seconded Gill Rowlands

Matters Arising

Compulsory leasing or purchase. We joined The National Allotments Society at £237 for free legal advice amongst other things. The response regarding Allotment Law on compulsory leasing or purchase on other allotments was very disappointing. Great risk of high legal expenses, so not really an option and HTC and WBC show absolutely no interest.

WBC planning approach to Statuary and Temporary Allotments

Marsh Lane falls into the category of a Temporary Allotment, so we are there until they get planning permission.

Why don't we want a permanent Allotment?

Alternative sites – Triangle Field, Recreation Ground, Upper Eddington, land off Salisbury Road.

Treasurers Report

Signed off accounts circulated to those present

Income and expenditure account a new independent examiner this year.

Although it shows are rental income going up it includes early payments for 2016/17

Rental income was reduced on ML

Committee fund raising increased substantially thanks to the Open Day and Seed Sales

Expenditure

National Allotment Society £ 237

More on site and development and maintenance because of burglary and some of the cost are included. Still waiting at that point a further payment from our insurers.

Expenditure slightly increased of our income with a deficit of £81

Balance sheet – Reserves slightly reduced from £1847 to £1766

Accounts approved – Proposed - Geoff Greenland – Seconded – Jane Pike

Chairman's Report

Record what we do and make sure the Council know what we do.

Heads of Agreements Annual Review

We have saved the HTC about £ 35,000

Hours we have put priced at £6.25 or £12.50 (Rates from North Wessex Downs Grant Application)

Two water leaks at Marsh Lane – one we know where the other we don't

Reminder to Plot holders, always turn off main valve that drains the 4 tanks to the troughs

The Stable has been erected. Plan to put ordinary hand tools in there and make the Container more secure with alarmed padlocks

Annual Review endorsed - Proposed - Gill Rowlands, Seconded - Zoe Coleman

Thanks to John Stanley and Peter Harries for all their help.

Welcome to new Committee member Graham Croft from Fairfields

Election of Committee

Nomination of Geoff Greenland as Chairman – Proposed - Forbes Stephenson – Seconded – Bonnie Hildred

Deputy Chairman – Tony Lavers – Proposed – Ted Angell – Seconded – Derek Loft

Treasurer – Ted Angell – Proposed – Geoff Greenland – Seconded – Martin Bright

Assistant Treasurer – Zoe Coleman – Proposed – Derek Loft – Seconded – Gill Rowlands

Secretary – Forbes Stephenson – Proposed - Ted Angell – Seconded – Belinda Robinson

Assistant Secretary – Belinda Robinson – Proposed – Geoff Greenland – Seconded – Derek loft

Seed Secretary – Derek loft- Proposed – Geoff Greenland – Seconded – Jane Pike

Any other Business

Hungerford In Bloom request for late enteries

Flower Show 20/04/16

Skittle Evening 24/09/16

Food Festival 02/10/16

Work Party for perimeter hedge at Marsh Lane