

HAHA Committee Minutes

Meeting 7.30 – 11/04/17 at the Hungerford Club

Present:

Geoff Greenland, Ted Angel, Forbes Stephenson,
Tony Lavers, Belinda Robinson, Derek Loft, Tessa Brown

Apologies: Zoe Coleman, Graham Croft

Minutes – Meeting 24/01/17 approved – Note – As discussed on the finance, there will no top slicing this year.

Matters Arising – Geoff spoke to Aldbourne regarding the community orchard. They avoided getting involved with the parish council. It should be a joint effort with HEAT. As a committee we think it's a good idea but we are too busy running HAHA.

Report on HTC R&A and any lease issues for the sites – As far as we know the lease has not been signed yet but HTC are pressing to get it signed.

Fairfields – Ground rate is due, which is a pepper corn rate of £1.00 a year and will pay for five years in May

General HAHA matters

The need to improve the welcome packs including some photos of various event

Encourage plot holders to number their plots

For the strimmers and cultivator to be used by all plot holders they will have to be trained in how to use them. These are potentially dangerous to use. Possible insurance issues. Strimmers not to be used by the plot holders which would be fraught with complications

Fairfields – Ash Tree still in hand with HTC and Sovereign

ML and FF plot lettings and vacant plots

ML there are 75(200.6 poles) occupied plots out of 106 plots which is a 68% uptake with one on waiting list.

FF there are 21 occupied plots which is an 88% uptake with one on the waiting list.

Termination notices – Geoff to draft letter to HTC

Finance including future grant funding

Funding - Marsh Lane Toilet

DDA compliant composting toilet. Three up for discussion :-

Kazuba KL2 - £ 10,922 - Natsol - £ 9,480 - EcoToilet - £4,747

The Eco Toilet is our choice.

It is confirmed that the Committee has agreed to spend £110.00 to apply for planning permission and apply for Lottery Funding.

Finance

Ended the year with £1934.00 in the Bank. ML spending since then is £471.77 which is £312.00 for the Portaloo, £122.00 on planning applications, £58.00 on A4 Hire and some miscellaneous expenses. No spending on Fairfields or HAHA.

Rent received so far £ 146.00 for Fairfields. £ 244.10 for Marsh Lane.

Bank balance is £1721.00 Ground rent still to pay. Half of the Portaloo to pay.

Reduced membership at Marsh Lane has reduced our income. We need to promote.

ML Matters

Committee agreed to have more starter plots on plot 85 and maybe test green manure on some empty plots. The Committee has agreed to acquire a Cultivator that has been offered to us. Cost around £200.00 Dwarf fruit trees are almost the same as fruit cordons and should be allowed on the plots.

FF Matters

Fence panel to be looked at.

Forthcoming events

Advertise Treasurer position
03/06/17 Fairfield Plant sale 10-12
04/07/17 AGM
15/07/17 Marsh Lane Open Day 2-4
19/08/17 Horticultural Show British Legion

Any other Business

Richard Dalton to join the Committee

Date of next meeting – 23/05/17