HAHA Committee Minutes Meeting 7.30 - 03/10/17 at the Fire Station Community Room

Present:

Geoff Greenland, Forbes Stephenson, Zoe Coleman, Neal Pike, Andy Downs Tony Lavers, Tessa Brown

Apologies: Belinda Robinson (Alfie Phelps, Derek Loft, Richard Dolton not present) Correction for last meeting - those present removeTed Angell and add Andy Downs.

Introduction – Number to call for entry to Fire Station Community Room – 01189 452888

Minutes last meeting - Correction - Insurance £170.00 paid before 1st February. Minutes approved.

Matters Arising - Untidy plots strimmed. More covers - small sizes in bags by shed at ML. Can be cut to size.

HTC/HAHA Issues; HAHA Constitution/ Membership

Presented heads of agreements and was accepted.

Ash tree at Fairfields to be reduced in size.

Fairfields Water supply – Sovereign no legal obligation to supply water, so install water supply or improve the rain water capture.

ML - Lease not been signed.

Notice of termination renewal process. HTC have accepted that we could pass them a list of none payers in week 3. They will want a copy of the invoice. HTC to reword accompanying letter. Salisbury Road permanent allotments noted. Will go back every 3 months.

Rental Agreement Compliance Issues

Fairfields

To create gaps between plots. Fairfields to advise HAHA what they would like. Empty plots – 5, 8 and 23 $\,$

Marsh lane compliance - not too bad!

FF/ML - Occupancy Levels – Waiting list

ML - Carol wants plot 62B - meeting to be arranged but Food Festival will occupy Committee members on the Sunday.

Budgets, Accounts and Revenue/Grant Funding

Bank Account balance £ 6500 An amount from The Lottery Fund of £ 5100 arrived in the account on 15/09/17. A cheque of £4900 for the order of the Composting Toilet has been made, so the Current A/C is about £1400. Comparison to last year almost the same considering we have only collected 9 months rental. We had £110 from the British Legion event and our Food Festival fee of £45 was wavered. Last year £500 went out on various items of expenditure, so we should be fine this year. From the 1st February we will collect 12 months rent. Up and coming expenditure – Rotavator hire for plots 21 and 22

Both mowers will need servicing

Strimmers have been serviced Generator and pump ok

FF Matters Practical Matters

Covers are available

Geoff supplied a Schematic layout of the Proposed Water Collection and Storage Project to serve the Fairfields Allotments.

The current gutters supplying the rain water are not fit for purpose.

Committee agrees to fund this with a grant.

Organise a work party to clear the buildings of ivy.

Action - Geoff to write letter to HTC to ask Sovereign for approval to do this work and could they repair the roof. Have already put in an expression of interest to North Wessex Downs for £2500

New

ML Matters Practical Matters

Water – problems with algae. Old covers need replacing
Proposal to get 2 new black IBC covers. Also bidding for a new generator with an electric start.
Warning siren when full to turn off generator. Clear pipe on outside to show the water level.
New concrete block for generator.
Proposal to reduce four water tanks at ML to two. Take two to Fairfields. Two new IBC covers.
Generator.
Committee approves.
Broken pipe at ML.
Manure has been ordered.
The composting toilet to be installed on 23/10/17. To be surround it with some fencing.

Social, Promotional, Fund Raising Events

Horticultural Show and Seed evening were a success

Web site and Shared Committee Site

Forthcoming events

08/10/17 Hungerford Food Festival. 10.30 to 4.00. Stall holders meeting at 10.00.

Any other Business

FF – Work Party – Saturday 18/11/17 ML – Work Party – Sunday 26/11/17

Date of next meeting -09/01/18 - 7.30 at The Fire Station Community Room.