

# HAHA Committee Minutes

## 09/06/15 – Meeting

### **Present:**

Geoff Greenland, Ted Angel, John Stanley, Belinda Robinson, Forbes Stephenson  
Derek Loft

**Apologies:** Tony Lavers, Zoe Hindle

**Minutes** – 14/04/15 Approved

### **Matters Arising**

Fairfields – The Ash tree has been attended to, but not much has happened.

ML – Manure will be supplied by Little Holt Stables and delivered by the Seasoned Timber Co. for a fee on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 9.00am and placed on plot 65

British Legion Horticultural Show planned for the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> August.  
Seed night date to be announced – will be a Monday late October

### **AGM Agenda**

All of the committee to sit up the front.

Annual Report to be on every seat.

Forbes to Welcome

Approval of last minutes.

Focus on the questions

Belinda's report – occupancy levels at the two sites

Ted's Report – Last years accounts to be signed off. Details on all seats of expense on both sites

Seed Report

Water Report – Fairfields mains water connection?

Leases renewals Ted lead

Action - Geoff to ask HTC to add their own views on the lease arrangements.

Views on whether we charge deposits. Put Fairfield clause into the Marsh Lane agreement re “if you have not paid within a month of the beginning of the rental year you lose your tenancy”

Update to the Constitution

Charging for manure. How to collect the money. Honesty box and book in the container.

Could we find an Assistant Treasurer?

Election of Committee – Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary

Change of Constitution action on Geoff to send revised Constitution 10a, take out Seed Secretary where practical the post will be filled equably between allotment sites.

Encourage more entries for Britain in Bloom. All Committee members should really enter their plots if only to encourage others.

### **Procedure for non cultivated plots**

Action for Geoff, Ted and Belinda to discuss the details.

Stop sites being a nuisance to other established allotments.

We need to make sure that empty plots do not get out of hand.

Geoff and John to walk around Marsh Lane Site and list bad plots.

Give two weeks for plot holders to strim and tidy their plots. We don't supply cover.

**Stable update.** Waiting for HTC to write to landowner to ask for permission.

Management of the Hedges required.

**Wheelbarrows** – Action to create a decent wheelbarrow out of the three we have. Need to buy a new tyre.

Front part of site. Complaints about the amount of thistles and grass against the fence. Top the thistles in August. Action on Geoff to spray along the fence line.

**Finance** - Fairfield all rent collected, there are two empty plots. Marsh lane we have collected 93% out of tenanted plots. Six plots have not paid – 2a, 10, 27, 41, 56a, 67 & 23a. These are now regarded as empty and we will have to manage them.

This means that we only have 75% income from tenanted plots at Marsh Lane normally we run at 90-95%. This all comes down to the problems with the lease.

Income this years exceeds expenditure by about £1000 with total assets of £1800

### **AOB**

Primary School Fete 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Action on Geoff to speak to Tony

Update on empty plots – 14a,24,30,49A,53,55,56b,60,62b,74b,75b,76 & 87 ( 35.5 poles)  
plus 2a,10,27,41,56a,67 - 19 in total?

We need to buy a new strimmer with a steel blade option for about £400 from Hungerford Garden

Machinery (local service & repair)

Plan for Open Day - ask for help at AGM

Date of next meeting - 21/07/15

AGM – 22/06/15