

The Hungerford Allotments Holders Association
Annual General Meeting – 10th June 2014
Marsh Lane & Fairfields
British Legion Hungerford Hungerford – 7.30

Present: John Stanley, Chris Tout, Zoe Hindle, Paul Whitbread, Tony Lavers, Ann Preston, Betty Jefferies, Daniel Cukier, Jerry Bray, Sandy Waldie, Val Drewe, Geoff Greenland, Ted Angell, Forbes Stephenson, Tony Drewer-Trump, Neal Pike

Apologies: Jamie Hieatt, Belinda Robinson, Derek Loft

Minutes of 2013 approved – Proposed Chris Tout & John Stanley

Chairman's Report

Just before the last meeting we were being thrown off the allotments at Marsh Lane. By the time of the meeting it was turned around and we were able to stay on. A great deal of work has been done to try and move forward. The lease was only signed in April 2014. Now working with HTC (Hungerford Town Council) to review other potential sites around the town.

We expect the lease on Marsh Lane to be renewed but only on a short term basis, we are making provisions to look at other sites and go elsewhere, however almost all of them are blighted with development issues with the exception of Strongrove Hill. Fairfields has no proposed development on site.

HTC are helpful but have very little say in what happens, WBC make the decisions. In the current planning cycle the Developers have to put their sites in for review, make an initial assessment then to consultation for completion in June 2015. At this point we are only committed to next year as a growing season.

Marsh Lane is always described as non-developable

The problem we have is to encourage newcomers to the site with such a short lease. The best we can do is to keep the site clean and tidy so it looks a good amenity for the town. But currently not looking in a good state.

Toilets – High cost item, but is it used enough? Would an eco toilet be better. We extract our water from a bore hole on site so position would be critical. Lottery funding may be available.

Thanks to all committee members for their help – John Stanley for his work on the water supply.

Secretary's Report

Thanks to all committee members for all their help.

Would like more plot holders to come forward and help with the upkeep of the Marsh Lane site, it is run by fellow plot holders and not HTC

It was suggested that we could we get plot holders as part of their rental agreement to donate a certain amount of time, say 30mins per pole.

We need to make new plot holders aware of their commitment to help the site as a whole, both Marsh Lane and Fairfields.

A tidy and well organised site gives us credibility for the future.

We need to look again at the info packs we give to plot holders so they are well aware of their responsibilities.

Empty and uncultivated plots are a real concern as they let the sites down and cause problems with weeds. When people leave their plots they are rarely left in a tidy state causing us (The Committee) more problems.

Treasurers Report

As Balance Sheet for year ending 13st March 2014 and Income & Expenditure Account 2013 - 2014

Accounts signed off by the independent for HTC. Approval - Proposed, Sandy Waldie - Seconded, Geoff Greenland

Seed Secretary's Report – Not present

Election of Committee

Everybody willing to re stand except the Chairman Tony Dewer-Trump

Nomination for Chairman – Geoff Greenland – Elected and thank Tony for all his

hard work.

Sandy Waldie thanked the Chairman and the Committee for all their hard work

Chairman	Geoff Greenland
Secretary	Forbes Stephenson
Assistant Secretary	Belinda Robinson
Treasurer	Ted Angell
Assistant Treasurer	Tony Lavers
Seed Secretary	Derek Loft

Any other Business

Hungerford in Bloom – Allotment competition - call for more entries

The judge is from Newbury – 28/06/14

We have no influence as to when the judging date should be.