

HAHA Committee Minutes

11/11/14 – Meeting

Present:

Geoff Greenland, Ted Angel, Tony Lavers, Zoe Hindle, John Stanley, Belinda Robinson, Forbes Stephenson

Apologies:

Matters Arising

Treasurer Report

1. SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE SINCE MEETING ON 2 SEPT 2014

HAHA None – the only expenditure now projected for 2014/15 is for RHS insurance and affiliation due in January 2015

ML £22.80 – equipment hire
£24.25 – fuel – mower and generator
£24.27 – accessories for spraying
£75.00 - manure

FF £30.00 – site maintenance

2. INCOME SINCE LAST MEETING ON 2 SEPT

ML rent - £23.00 received; manure - £30.50 received to date

FF none

3. SPENDING LIMITS

Before the beginning of the year, I outlined the following spending limits based on 'in year' income and expense:

ML: £1750 spending limit – spend to date £969.63.

£900 of the spending limit was allocated to the rent of the toilet which was actually paid in 2013/14 and amounted to £727.20. If we decide to rent again for the 2016 season this could be paid in either the 2014/15 or 2015/16 financial years. Therefore some or the entire £900 spending put aside for this can be used for other areas of ML activity.

The remaining £850 was provisionally allocated as follows

Fencing, paths, mowing, plots etc. £350 *Spent to date* £852.38

Container (repainting) £100 *Spent to date* £3.99

Water £400 *Spent to date* £113.36

FF: £220 *Spent to date* £128.45

4. TOTAL ASSETS

Total HAHA (HAHA+ML+FF) £2969.84

Comprising

ML £1612.88

FF £625.67

HAHA £731.29

Ground works

The quality of the manure was questioned by some plot holders, but committee agreed it wasn't too bad despite the odd clump of clay and netting.

Many plots with weeds on. Spray early to keep on top of it.

The front area was strimmed down by Geoff.

Hedges will need attention and general tidy up mid February.

John has put the generator to bed for the winter.

Managing unallocated plots

The ground cover supplied by Derek is proving to be very effective at keeping plots in control.

Update the guidance notes to include ground cover to manage plots.

Future of Marsh Lane

Geoff and Ted had a constructive meeting with Mark Norgate. Nothing has been settled. A follow up meeting has been planned for mid December following WBC vote on the revised planning proposals for Hungerford.

Fairfields

The Ash tree still proving to be a problem. Geoff to email Claire at HTC to get the tree assessed as it is very large and possibly dangerous. (Geoff actioned 17/11/14) Some of the plots are looking very untidy, are the plot holders really interested in there upkeep?

Any other Business

One person on the waiting list at Fairfields.

Marsh Lane – 4 empty plots – 17,24,30 & 53 – 4 new people on waiting list.

We have our own sprayer now. Some spraying has been frustrated by the windy weather.

The 2015 Food Festival wil be on the 4th October.

Date of next meeting - 20/01/15