The Hungerford Allotments Holders Association

Annual General Meeting – 23 October 2023

Marsh Lane & Fairfields

Croft Field Hall – 7.30pm

**Present:**  Ted Angell, Andy Downs, Jane Pike, Neal Pike, Derek Loft, Di Loft, Forbes Stephenson, Zoe Coleman, Jenny Alford, Derek Alford, Alfie Phelps, Richard Dolton, Kate Edwards, Alison Russell,

Martyn Bright, Maurice Elliot, Mark Roberts, Nia Day, Liz Barnett, Louise Blake, Maggie Smith.

**Apologies:** Tessa Brown, Belinda Robinson, Jamie Hyatt, John and Pat Ryder, Mary and Neal Marney,

Paul and Charlotte Sigbert, Hannah Sims

**Approval of AGM 2022 Minutes**

Proposed - Nia Day

Seconded - Derek Loft

**Matters Arising**

Marsh Lane

Very little input from the landowner and the developers regarding the lease. Mr Clothier and Mr Norgate have not renewed the contract for over 12 months now and no correspondence has been received from either.

HTC position remains the same, so we carry on as we are.

With the Hungerford Town Plan in progress we may hear something in the next 12 months.

FairFields

Sovereign always renew the lease. The ash tree was pruned right back.

The survey went ahead. The old laundry is now considered derelict.

We are waiting the asbestos survey regarding the interior of the sheds.

HTC and some HAHA members revisited the Triangle field to discuss it as a possible new allotment site

if and when the time comes to move.

**Chair Annual Review**

Both sites continue to be well maintained.

We have secured The Methodist Church as new regular meeting venue.

Insurance claims for the 'break in' at Marsh Lane for items stolen from the shed and storage boxes were met.

A big thank you to Andy for all his hard work liaising with NFU and plot holders.

Fairfield has a new path. HTC paid £600 the good exchange £600 and HAHA £600

Also expanded the water collection thanks to Alfie for sourcing the big barrels and Thomas for the setting it all up.

We attended the Town Meeting in March at The Corn Exchange with lots of interest in the HAHA stand.

The Wildlife Project at Fairfields was funded by Greenham Common Trust grant.

Thank you to Louise and Andy for initiating it.

Ivan paid for a skip at Marsh Lane which helped us to clear rubbish on the site.

The composting toilet has been repaired and serviced and is in use, with a rota of Committee members maintaining it.

All the mowers and machinery have been repaired and serviced and the Container door repaired thanks to Alfie.

We participated in Hungerford in Bloom. Thanks to Ted for organising the Judge at both sites and publicising the winners.

The Marsh Lane open day was very successful.

We have had two rounds of plot inspections.

The Marsh lane favourite plot and tallest sunflower was won by Jenny Alford. Thank you to Belinda for organising it all.

The Summer Produce and Handicraft Show went extremely well. Thanks to Kate, Jane, Liz and Forbes.

Next year we hope to go to The Good Exchange for a grant to pay for the hire of the hall and some banners.

The Hall is booked for next year already!

We have sourced a new supplies of manure. The cost has been raised to £1.50 a barrow.

The Marsh Lane and Fairfields Work Parties have made a good job of both sites.

Kate is stepping down as Chair but staying as HAHA Liaison at Fairfields. Thanks given to Ted for all his help and support.

Forbes is stepping down as Secretary after 13 years.

Tessa and Neal stepping down as committee members.

Nia has offered to be Chair and Maurice Secretary.

**Treasurers Report**

Last years accounts have been presented to be approved.

The draft Accounts were submitted to HTC in May and examined by their external Auditors in July.

We have had a good year financially. The plot rental income is the main source of our income which has

been at its maximum level. We have generated £3700 from almost 100% occupancy levels.

With regard to expenditure we spent £1200 more than we did in the previous year. This was mainly due to the cost of a new generator at Marsh Lane.

We managed to generate a net surplus of £1700 which boosted our net reserves to £8700

Our community fund makes up about £3500.

Accounts Approved

Proposed - Nia Day Seconded - Kate Edwards

**Seed Secretary Report**

We have a seed scheme which is done though King Seeds.

Derek has the seed catalogues.

Please read the form before filling in the form. There is a 40% discount on prices in this catalogue.

Any problems please only ring Derek for help.

Orders in by 22/11/23

**Election of Committee**

**Chair** - Nia Day

Proposed - Kate Edwards

Seconded - Liz Barnnett

**Deputy Chair** – Kate Edwards

Proposed - Liz Barnett

Seconed - Jane Pike

**Treasurer** – Andy Downs

Proposed - Ted Angell

Seconded - Martyn Bright

**Assistant Treasurer** – Zoe Coleman

Proposed - Kate Edwards

Seconded - Andy Downs

**Secretary** – Maurice Elliot

Proposed - Maggie Smith

Seconded -Alison Russell

**Assistant Secretary** – Belinda Robinson

Proposed - Liz Barnett

Seconded - Jane Pike

**Seed Secretary** – Derek loft

Proposed - Alfie Phelps

Seconded - Kate Edwards

**Any other Business**

Those present thanked Kate for all the work she has done.

Thanks to Neal for all his work on the Committee.

Date of next meeting 08/01/24 - 7.00 Methodist Church. Bridge Street.