

**BISHOP'S WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 BY ZOOM VIDEO**

**Present:** Gill Cooper (GC), Anthea Mabey (AMy), Sue Curtis (SC), Chris Curtis (CC), Larry Mabey (LM), Liz McClymont (LMc), Gill Hamill (GH), Nicole Jones (NJ), Tim Gover (TG), Annie Lowe (AL)

1. **Apologies:** None

2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Approved and signed

3. **Matters arising not on the Agenda:**

1. SC purchased gift vouchers for retired Trustees

4. **Correspondence:**

1. R Breach emails re grants for organisations in financial difficulties due to Covid – not applicable to BWGC. **SC** to respond

5. **Finance:** CC - Figure currently £20751. No income now except new members/plot holders Annual contract bought with Zoom for £95 + Vat

6. **Membership:**

CC – 278. Lost 46 from last year and gained 16. May contact non-renewers when more to offer them.

7. **Trading:**

TG – not committed to purchasing any stock at present as unclear when shop could re-open. Will keep in contact with Mole Valley supplier.

Agreed not to open Shed in February given new highly transmissible Covid variant, review in February

8. **Newsletter / Publicity:**

AL congratulated on Parish News entry. **AL** to email Parish News entry to **LMc** for circulation each month. Next newsletter due out February.

9. **Monthly programme:**

Reminder for January Zoom meeting sent out.

NJ booked Feb. (Mandy Bradshaw) and March (Adam Pasco) speakers re Zoom option. Also possibly Matthew Biggs for April @£200 – NJ to re-negotiate charge prior to booking.

Impossible to say at present when meetings at school hall can resume. Some of 2021 speakers booked do not use Zoom

10. **Allotments:**

AMy - 1. Replacement cleaning materials needed for lady who cleans toilet room – **LMc** to supply  
2. One, or possibly 2, x ½ plots available + 2 x ¼ plots.

3. 13 on waiting list + 3 plot holders want additional plot. Allocate to new people first.

LM- 1. Needs to replace a few fence posts

2. needs to complete fencing off car parking area – all in hand

3. Has contacted Emma at Parish Council re cutting of cricket field boundary hedge – we may get someone to do it and they refund us.

4. Gap in hedge fixed by houseowner M Livermore now open again – **GC** to contact

11. **Social Programme:** October social evening may be possible. **SC** to check October booking date with Parish Council. Have volunteers to help with refreshments. NJ will check speakers.

12. **AGM:**

Papers as agreed sent out/ to be delivered.

AGM by Zoom in April would be Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm before Zoom speaker at 7.30pm. Need only to accept reports and vote in Trustees, plus ask for additional 3 volunteers to cover Trustee vacancies As SC & CC could be away will make final decision in March.

13. **Summer Show:**

Show organiser Colin Carter has asked if Trustees with Show to go ahead.

1. In principle happy to go ahead if restrictions permit. Not possible to make a decision at this time.
  2. Jubilee Hall Booking – confirmed for July 16<sup>th</sup> (evening) and 17<sup>th</sup> (Show).
  3. Currently and under Tiers 1 – 4 Jubilee Hall restricted to 30 people in Gold Room, 8 in Ruby Room, 4 in kitchen to maintain 2m social distancing etc. Provision of refreshments depends on Tier. Show not viable in Jubilee Hall with these restrictions. Discussed alternative venue arrangements eg marquee at Priory Park, small event at allotments, consider alternative dates eg. 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> September (affects catalogue so could mean a re-design)
  4. Judges – depends on where and what we can do. He can make provisional bookings.
  5. Refreshments – hopefully can arrange via new people
  6. Advertisers – only one asked for refund of money.
- Felt it is premature to cancel but too early to make a decision. Need to know when is the latest decision date Colin can work with. **SC** to contact.

14. **Red Lion Street:**

Not thought to be viable again this year.

15. **Health & Safety:**

AL – no issues

16. **Community Orchard / Butterfly Garden**

S McLeod continues to maintain butterfly garden, please do weeding if possible. No news on orchard

17. **Housing Development Impact on Allotments:**

No news.

18. **AOB:**

1. SC – If no RLS sale then maybe some plant sales at allotments
2. LMc – formal farewell to L Arnold. **GC** to email
3. Flowers for L Smith/ G Stainer – **SC** to organise and deliver vouchers

**21.25 Meeting Closed**

**Next Virtual Meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Actions agreed at this/previous meetings to carry forward:**

1. Review AGM in March 2021
2. Review 2021 Annual Show in February 2021