

BISHOP'S WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 15th February 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 delivered gift vouchers/flowers for retired Trustees, thank yous received
2. GC - wrote to L. Arnold – no response

4. **Correspondence:**

1. CC – request for £50 for hanging basket for BW In Bloom – agreed **CC** to action

5. **Finance:**

CC - Figure currently £20729.

6. **Membership:**

CC – 281. 3 additions – 2 allotment holders, 1 member.

7. **Trading:**

TG – no change.

Agreed to plan to sell manure from mid-/late-March making mowers available. Trustees to cover shop as on previous basis – sanitiser/social distancing etc. Review/confirm in March .

Discussion re Plant Sales – no current intention re Red Lion Street in May but could do small table sales at Shed in late May.

8. **Newsletter / Publicity:**

AL – newsletter in progress, will add possible plant sales to information and to Parish Magazine entry.

LMc – preliminary plant sale information /request for growing plants to donate in monthly information

9. **Monthly programme:**

February talk invitation sent out, reminder to follow.

March, April, May all booked for Zoom. June speaker will not do Zoom – can book another who could be Zoom or in person and move original to October Social.

Matthew Biggs, April speaker, fee reduced.

10. **Allotments:**

AMy - 1. 2 x ½ plots available + 1 x ¼ plots. Additional plots may become available soon.

2. 12 on waiting list + 3 ploholders want additional plot. Allocate to new people first.

LM- 1. Outstanding jobs postponed but in hand.

2. Parish Council have confirmed they will cut cricket field boundary hedge, not yet done.

3. Gap in top allotments boundary hedge now open again – GC has contacted house resident.

11. **Social Programme:** October social evening may be possible. SC contacted Parish Council to check October booking date twice but no reply.

12. **AGM:**

Final decision in March. Will need to send papers to members joined since 17th January when papers sent out.

13. **Summer Show:**

Decision deferred to March.

15. **Health & Safety:**

LM – noticed that allotment holders put tools on paths when working – hazard.

AL – will incorporate issue into H & S document and will send out draft copy to Trustees shortly **AL**

LMc to put in monthly information

CC – suggested that allotment holders contract be re-written to include new policies and all renters to sign when re-new in October

16. **Community Orchard / Butterfly Garden**

SC to contact Sarah McLeod re working rota for 2021

Renew HCC volunteer documents - **SC**

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

No news.

18. **AOB:**

1. AL – need more Trustees but if any leave need to know what they do – each person to write short precis of tasks / contacts / procedures etc. **ALL**

20.55 Meeting Closed

Next Virtual Meeting Monday 15th March 2021

Actions agreed at this/previous meetings to carry forward:

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