

BISHOP'S WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 15th March 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.GC – Trustee precis of tasks – reminder to complete **ALL**

4. **Correspondence:**

None

5. **Finance:**

CC - Figure currently £20533. Has renewed Scottish Power Elec. contract fixed rate to August 2023. Has paid BW in Bloom. Request for expenses claims to be submitted.

6. **Membership:**

CC – 290.

7. **Trading:**

TG – manure sales first w/end approx. £100. Too wet for mowers. Only 2 barrows – TG to purchase additional one.

Proposed to open Shop on Sat 17th April (date for non-essential shops). No customers in the shop, table service at door, correct cash only in disinfectant, no money handling. All agreed, **TG** to purchase stock Rota of volunteers – **GH**. Additional volunteers needed – request via monthly newsletter- **Lmc**. **AMy** to handle weekly cash, will inform CC of amounts when banking.

A Magrath has asked to take Blood Fish Bone etc from Shed for orchard and butterfly garden – agreed OK, hand cleaning etc to be in place.

8. **Newsletter / Publicity:**

AL / LMc – all OK.

Allotment holder Alison Wallington possible person to post information on Facebook – **AMy** to contact

9. **Monthly programme:**

March Zoom talk invite to be sent out - **LMc**

June unlikely to be at school, assume Zoom again. NJ had possible speaker on topic 'Preparing for Show' – this has been tried before and poor attendance so she will look elsewhere.

10. **Allotments:**

- AMy -
1. Full plot may become available soon.
 2. 10 on waiting list + 3 current plot holders want additional plot. Confirmed allocation of vacant plots to new people first. Planning to divide up-coming full plot.
 3. AMy would like a standard warning letter to people who do not maintain plots, and notice period. **AMy** to draft letters and circulate to Trustees for comment

- LM -
1. Fencing by parking area complete.
 2. Sump in roadside drainage ditch will need clearing.
 3. Gap in top allotments boundary hedge now closed
 4. Driveway posts removed on one track at weekend – allotment holders took advantage and other tracks used. Now closed again. Will be open when ground dry enough
 5. Drain outside shed front needs digging
 6. Left hand bay for bark chippings – **AL** contacting supplier
 7. Track to parking area very rutted – needs filling again – **LM** to get cost of materials.
 8. Water supply to be turned on on 20th March.

11. Social Programme:

October Social Evening booking at Jubilee Hall in place. Unknown how many people could be accommodated under Covid rules.

Speaker – numerous people discussed, some very expensive. **NJ** to negotiate on prices

12. AGM:

To go ahead on Zoom April 28th at 7.00pm followed by Matthew Biggs Zoom speaker at 7.30pm. Need to send out Agenda and Trustee nomination forms – **SC/CC**. Voting by show of hands.

13. Summer Show:

Detailed discussion of possibilities and uncertainties. Thanked Colin Carter for his report. Agreed it would be a much reduced event and relatively expensive.

Decision not to go ahead in 2021 but plan large event in 2022 **GC** to inform Colin.

14. Plant Sales

Date 10.00am Sat. 8th May. Trustees from 9.00am. Parking area closed off. Plants to be delivered to Shed on am and evening of Friday 7th for pricing.

People need to bring own bags / boxes.

Need to publicise – **AL / LMc** – posters on boards, Parish News, BW What's On / Town Team

15. Health & Safety:

16. Community Orchard / Butterfly Garden

SC- volunteer documents renewed, Sarah McLeod doing rota, more volunteers needed.

17. Housing Development Impact on Allotments:

No news.

18. AOB:

21.45 Meeting Closed

Next Virtual Meeting Monday 19th April 2021

Actions agreed at this/previous meetings to carry forward: