

BISHOP'S WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19th APRIL 2021 7.30pm 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 roles. SC received CC and GH information. **ALL** to send asap
2. Facebook publicity – no contact with possible member so **LMc** to take on.

4. **Correspondence:**

1. C Carter re Summer Show postponement and return of trophies request – to be distributed **LMc**

5. **Finance:**

CC - Figure currently £20492. Charity Commission annual accounts and report lodged. Will claim Gift Aid from HMRC in next month

Info. on card payment machines distributed – discussion ensued and decided cost outweighs benefit at current time given value of sales at Shed.

6. **Membership:**

CC – 301 members

New allotment holders – 1 paid but no membership form received, 1 paid 6 weeks ago and not allocated a plot (now 7th in queue).

Plot which previously had 2 members reduced to 1 but both working on plot – **CC** to send note to them.

7. **Trading:**

Good sales with £324 to pay in.

TG – 1. asked by plot holder to confirm there is no amino pyralid chemical in our manure. Our supplier does not use this chemical but does get some manure from other sources so cannot give complete assurance.

2. Mole Valley – did not receive full order. Has communicated with them to rectify situation and will monitor in future.
3. New price list in multiples of 50p to make payments easier.

8. **Newsletter / Publicity:**

AL / LMc – all OK.

AL to advertise plant sale in Parish Mag and put up posters.

9. **Monthly programme:**

April Zoom talk /AGM reminder to be sent out - **LMc**

Speakers booked for May and June on Zoom.

10. **Allotments:**

1. AMy -

1. Request for owl nesting box to be put in oak trees. Need to check if OK on oak trees as have TPO – **SC** to contact WCC Tree Officer
2. Plot holder asked what Parish Council policy is re use of glyphosate on allotments as they have ceased to use it on their land. **SC** to query with PC.
3. 10 on waiting list

2. LM

1. Water on – a couple of repairs were needed
2. Sewage leakage on top field, dealt with by Southern Water – possibly blocked by builders. Manhole is damaged – need to consult Parish Council as on their land. **SC** to email them. Potential health hazard as leaks on to plots. Also issue with toilet sewage leak recently, possibly same blockage.
3. Yellow markings have appeared on roadway, with letter E or trident sign. **SC** to ask Parish Council if any work to take place shortly.
4. No dogs on plots rule is being ignored by some plot holders despite reminders and it being in Tenancy Agreement. **AL** to write note on health hazard for distribution – **LMc**. CC suggests it is time Tenancy Agreement is reviewed and all plot holders / members sign a new agreement at next renewal – AGREED.
5. Cordless strimmer – AMy and LM have one for allotment to trial use of for 2 weeks and if OK Club will purchase it - £75 incl. line reels and 2 batteries.

GC – concerned plot holders do not look after equipment – will buy cleaning brushes and send out reminder -**LMc**

11. **Social Programme:**

Wells Garden Festival outing this summer cancelled.

12. **AGM:**

Item 10 query – SC will read out response

No Trustee nominations. GC will try personal approach. **AL** put note on white board at allotments

13. **Plant Sales**

Date 10.00am – 1.00pm Sat. 8th May. Trustees from 9.00am. Parking area closed off/ no manure sales. Plants to be delivered to Shed on evening of Friday 7th for pricing. Can contact via website if plants to donate.

15. **Health & Safety:**

AL will put H&S items in monthly newsletter – still broken glass near edge of plots.

16. **Community Orchard / Butterfly Garden**

All in order.

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

No news.

18. **AOB**

1. AL – asked to see copy of allotment lease – **SC** will circulate for Trustees only

21.40 Meeting Closed

Next Virtual Meeting Monday 17th May 2021

Actions agreed at this/previous meetings to carry forward:

1. By October 2021 – rewrite Allotment Tenancy Agreement for all tenants to sign on renewal.