

**BISHOP'S WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2021 7.30pm BY ZOOM VIDEO**

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

1. **Apologies:**

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

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

1. Trustee role documents – SC awaiting 2 more
2. Sponsorship money – SC contacted Wildern School – no response. AL has made Career in Horticulture the topic of the next Parish News item. If no response from that SC to look at WRAG scheme.
3. St Peter's Country Fayre 25/09/21. **SC** will look into purchase of bulbs, plus catalogue from TG. Need to ask members for yoghurt cartons / disposable coffee cups. GC and TG can help at stall in morning.
4. Meon Valley Heartstart now an independent charity

4. **Correspondence:**

GC – unexpected information from Colin Carter re Summer Show – mini version at Shed on 31<sup>st</sup> July. Agreed to go ahead on described basis. **GC** to respond to Colin Carter and then **LMc** can circulate information.

5. **Finance:**

CC -

1. Figure currently £21694. Gift Aid received from HMRC - £392.

2. BW Junior School increased rent by 12.5% (40% increase over 5 years) Now be £57 per meeting. Discussed other venues but feeling to stay as is in current uncertain situation.

6. **Membership:**

CC – 314 members

7. **Trading:** May sales £541, new volunteers very good.

Manure – response from RHS that possible weedkiller effect on plants submitted for assessment, no evidence of problems with crops seen on our allotments. Confirmed to continue selling manure with a disclaimer and ensure our supplier sends only his own stock to minimise risks.

8. **Newsletter / Publicity:**

LMc - now has administration status on Facebook which she is using. Getting interest and requests eg. for an allotment

AL – creating articles for Parish News. No problems.

9. **Monthly programme:**

June Zoom talk reminder to be sent out - **LMc**

Agreed to hold September meeting at school hall assuming it can be booked – **GC** to investigate.

Social Evening on 15/10/21. Jubilee Hall reserved, speaker can do Zoom if have to cancel venue due to Covid. Decide fully at 19/07/21 meeting

#### **10. Allotments:**

AMy -

- 1.16 on waiting list
2. Sewage leaks, now 4 in 3 months of varying seriousness including on to plots 26 and 27. **SC** to write to Winchester Planning/Parish Council/ Southern Water re issue
3. End of June / early July allotment inspection to be undertaken by Trustees – all agreed to participate. **AMy** to prepare and distribute paperwork.

LM -

1. Slab in front of manure pens – on hold as is an extra parking space during road building.
2. Working Party on 26/06/21 – good numbers . Request to buy 5 x ton bags of scalplings to put on middle driveway to parking area on bottom field (about £250)– agreed.
3. Raised bed repair completed by Gary Simmons – thank you to him.
4. Mower etiquette – still poor by some people despite requests. Must be used and cleaned to meet Covid requirements.

#### **11. Allotments Roadway/Path/ Fencing Construction:**

1. B Hutchings had queried whether construction traffic for development Show Home would use Albany Road and allotment road for access – SC assured by developer that no construction traffic would come in this way.
2. GC explained fencing group proposal to ask allotment holders to choose between 2 types of fencing for top allotment field only. SC – they are being asked to express a preference only, it will not necessarily be what we get but we can use their preference to guide our discussions with Parish Council.
3. LMc has contacted Cricket Club via acquaintance to arrange a meeting to discuss road and fencing proposals for lower field.
4. **SC** to email Parish Clerk re long-term parking possibilities on football area even if for restricted group of allotment holders eg. Disabled etc. SC pointed out that incorrect in note to allotment holders to say parking will not be allowed on the new road – there will be no yellow lines on it or as it goes across the SINC.
5. **LMc** - to send out preference questionnaire to allotment holders when approved by Trustees.

#### **12. Social Programme:**

Already discussed

#### **13. Health & Safety:**

No major issues bar tools etc left on paths still.

#### **14. Community Orchard / Butterfly Garden**

No issues. Gardens looking very good.

#### **15. AOB**

None

**21.35 Meeting Closed; Next Meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at Shed (Govt. permitting)**

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

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