

BISHOP'S WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26th July 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 (AM), Larry Mabey (LM), Nicole Jones (NJ)
Liz McClymont (LMc) absent
Visitor: William Heaps

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 from LMc and AL
2. Sponsorship money – expression of interest from boy in Durley, application and information sent.
3. St Peter's Country Fayre 25/09/21. Confirmed participation, **SC** will purchase bulbs, and write note for **LMc/AL** to circulate to ask members for yoghurt cartons / disposable coffee cups. GC and TG can help at stall in morning.
4. Show- 8.00am start on Sat 31/07/21. Aim to be outside, leave Shed open and mowers available. If wet then inside plus gazebo and Shed shut, no mowers. Agreed charge £1 for tea or coffee plus cake – **AM** to purchase disposable plates and cups. **GH** supply bunting. No monetary prizes for classes. Overall winner and runner up get Shop voucher. AM calculating points for winners. **GC** to liaise with Colin Carter.

4. **Correspondence:**

1. GC – communication from TG expressing intention to retire from position as Trustee from October 1st. Has managed Shed for 15 years! GC expressed gratitude of Trustees and members for his service. **LM** to take over management of Shop as finding some physical tasks of maintenance difficult. Decided to recruit a Trustee as Allotment Maintenance Coordinator using team of allotment holders to help with maintenance tasks as they arise or use paid contractors as necessary. Supplementary - another possible Trustee to be contacted by **AM**.
2. Great Days Holidays – gardening outings – can be assessed when social events resume.

5. **Finance:**

CC – Bank a/c's balance currently £20822.

In view of TG retiring will need another Trustee to be a signatory on the bank account.

6. **Membership:**

CC – 319 members. Anyone joining as new member now is covered to Oct. 2022 by fee.

7. **Trading:** June sales £359, will be lower in July.

Has details of alternative supplier to Mole Valley if not satisfactory in future, not used much yet. Covid security – agreed to keep process as it has been, face coverings if wish, mower cleaning by users. No tea / coffees to be made.

8. **Newsletter / Publicity:**

AL – creating articles for Parish News/ newsletter. Will include Trustee vacancy, Parish fete.

9. **Monthly programme:**

NJ – no speaker for September yet, still looking, and to include speakers by Zoom as may need to use again. School hall available if we want it.

Social Evening on 15/10/21. Jubilee Hall reserved, speaker can do Zoom if have to cancel venue due to Covid. **SC** to check numbers allowed at Jubilee Hall since 19/07/21 relaxation of Covid rules.

10. **Allotments:**

LM-

1. Sewage leaks – meeting with MTS and S Water on Thurs. 29/07/21 for camera investigation and jet cleaning of pipe under SINC which may identify and solve problem.

2. Possible installation of non-return valve in pipe to toilet to prevent future up-surge of waste through floor drain – will consider after 1. above complete.

3. Scalpings in driveway proving effective but need more to complete – agreed 3 more bags and working party on a Sunday morning. Parking area very wet – SC informed group of Parish Council's possible assistance with parking area long-term at top of football area.

4. SC reported communication with S Water / Planning over capacity of pipe – awaiting more responses. **SC** contact Parish Council re job number for repair to manhole by SW

AM -

1. 16 on waiting list. Expects some turnover at end of September.

2. Allotment Inspections complete – has judges for Best Kept Allotment on 29/07/21

3. Allotment Tenancy Agreement – considered versions put forward and major omissions.

Agreed group of **AM, GH, SC** and **William Heaps** to meet and amalgamate into 1 document for approval of Trustees.

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

1. **SC** – no further information on start date – will contact Crest Nicholson again for start date and note bridge between 2 fields ideally in place before work starts for parking access.

2. Fencing options consultation with allotment holders – no report from LMc but apparently roughly 50:50 split between deer fencing and post and rail / animal wire. 30% response. Non-responders to be asked to consider. In event of even split Trustees decide.

3. LMc has met with Cricket Club representatives – they do not object to gate across bottom track.

12. **Social Programme:**

Already discussed

13. **Health & Safety:**

No major issues

14. **Community Orchard / Butterfly Garden**

No issues. Gardens looking very good.

15. **AOB**

None. William heaps agreed to become a Trustee.

21.30 Meeting Closed; Next Meeting Monday 16th August 2021. Location to be decided.

Actions agreed at this/previous meetings to carry forward: None