

BISHOP'S WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 18th October 2021 7.30pm AT THE SHED

Present: Chris Curtis (CC), Gill Hamill (GH), Anthea Mabey (AM), Larry Mabey (LM), Nicole Jones (NJ), Kate Cassell (KC), Gill Cooper (GC)

1. **Apologies:** Annie Lowe (AL), Sue Curtis (SC), William Heaps (WH), Liz McClymont (LMc)
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Approved and signed
3. **Matters arising not on the Agenda:**
 1. Trustee role documents – SC awaiting 1 more from **AL** – needed for Insurance
 2. St Peter's Country Fayre 25/09/21. Very successful – seen as good PR. Note of thanks sent to helpers.
 3. Trustee Indemnity Insurance - Cover reduced to 250k. Premium reduced by £170 with same insurance company.
 4. Directory entry in Parish Magazine – Request to remove sent.
 5. PAT Testing – Duncan Wilde to contact GC with suitable mutual date
4. **Correspondence:**
 1. SC – R. Breach sent thanks for Social Evening and can't attend volunteer thank-you on 30/10.
5. **Finance:**

CC – Bank a/c's balance currently £23170.
Treasurer reminded trustees to fill in appropriate claim form for expenses.
6. **Membership:**

CC – 301 members in 2020-21. Currently 224 renewals have been fully processed for 2021-22.
121 out of 165 allotment rentals paid for 2021-2022.
Rules for Allotment Holders to be sent out. **(AM/LMc)**
7. **Trading:** LM- Delivery from KG Loach – shed stocked in advance for next year. Onions to be highlighted for sale during the last October trading weekends. Manure delivery to be arranged for 23rd October. **(LM)** . Ad-hoc Trading weekend slots to be trialed during the winter closure period. Discussion re Publicity/Price boards in the shed for next year.
8. **Newsletter / Publicity:**

No report.
9. **Monthly programme:** NJ - 24th November speaker is G Taylor at the school. No raffle in Nov - to be reviewed for next year. School Hall booked through to end of school year. **GH** and **CC** will cover booking in for Nov meeting. Talk to start at 7:15 pm, hall must be cleared by 9 pm. Doors to open at 6:30 pm with speaker asked to arrive by 6:45 pm. 2022 Speakers to be arranged **(NJ)**
10. **Allotments:**
 1. SC - Sewer Problems from allotment – informed by Planning/Southern Water - have to wait until whenever SW decide to upgrade infrastructure. In meantime, keep reporting problems and do not carry out cleaning ourselves – this will be carried out by Southern Water. Non-return valve

wrongly installed...installer has waived any payment. New valve to be fitted correctly – plumber to be contacted **LM**.

2. GH – coffee morning for volunteers as a thank you. 12-2 Sat 30th October / Sunday 31st. AM and KC offered to make cake.

3. LM – work party postponed until 23rd/24th October to put more scalplings along drives.

4. Bonfire Nov 5th – children of members encouraged to bring guy..best guy will be judged and may be invited to be burnt on the fire. GH has contacted Hampshire Fire Service who log the bonfire date/location. Fire to follow HFS distancing guidelines. Fire monitor required at all times. Food to be sold at nominal cost.

5. Bottom hedge – SC informed Parish Council only partially complete, needs to be finished by hand. Groundsman is aware and job will be completed in next 2 weeks..

6. GC – need a list of skills from allotment holder volunteers. Looking to appoint 2 trustees to co-ordinate allotment maintenance. **GC** to talk to WH. KC offered to help.

11. Allotments Roadway/Path/ Fencing Construction:

1.SC - Response from Parish Council – no movement on anything yet, comments re fencing preference noted. SC wrote back to Parish Council to explain background as it seemed Hall and Grounds Committee were not aware of discussions re parking area.

No news from Crest Nicholson on start date and 1 month notice period.

2. LM - Dispute between owner of Tangier Farm & CN appears to be resolved...should allay fears of increased use of Albany Road.

12. Social Programme:

Social Evening on 15/10/21 – very well received & organised. **GC** to buy extra flowers as 8 helpers in kitchen rather than scheduled 5. 70 tickets sold. Discussion on reviving trips for 2022. No firm decision taken – investigation of destinations to continue – **NJ/GC**

13. Health & Safety:

No report

14. Community Orchard / Butterfly Garden:

Ann Magrath has raised the issue of planting replacement trees. SC/AM to inspect the orchard in early November and make recommendation. (**SC**)

15. AOB:

1.CC – Zoom licence expires at end of November. Agreed to downgrade to Basic licence (40 minutes max) (**CC**).

21.25 Meeting Closed; Next Meeting Monday 15th November at Shed.

Actions agreed at this/previous meetings to carry forward:

Risk assessment and H & S policy **AL** and **WH** to liaise
Trustees to provide annual reports to GC (**ALL**)