

BISHOP'S WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 15th November 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), Annie Lowe (AL), Sue Curtis (SC), William Heaps (WH), Liz McClymont (LMc)

1. **Apologies:** Gill Cooper (GC)
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. PAT Testing – GC – completed today, all OK
4. **Correspondence:**
 1. AM – HIWWT sent info re natural / wildlife friendly allotmenting – would visit site, write report in exchange for donation. Agreed to ask if he would do talk for June monthly meeting on topic for fee/donation - **AM**
 1. SC – BWACO meeting invitation. SC attended this evening to list public events.
5. **Finance:**

CC – Bank a/c's balance currently £23560 after large stock order paid.
Needs additional signatory on bank account – WH volunteered. **CC** to arrange Mole Valley account to be changed from Tim Gover and CC to LM and CC – **CC**
Paul Emmerson has examined accounts and all OK for AGM
6. **Membership:**

CC – Currently 280 members have been fully processed for 2021-22.
Awaiting forms from some allotment holders and no response from 3, final reminders to be sent shortly.
Rules for Allotment Holders to be sent out. **AM/LMc**
7. **Trading:** LM- shop now shut. As large amount of stock stored has padlocked front door and will do same for dividing door - **LM**
8. **Newsletter / Publicity:**

All done as usual. Few social media contacts.
9. **AGM:**

On 26th January at school hall. All Trustees to send role report to GC by 01 December so she can collate into Chairperson's report for SC and CC to incorporate into AGM papers for distribution by January 5th. **ALL**
No speaker, consider quiz and refreshments at next meeting.
10. **Monthly programme:** NJ - 24th November speaker is G Taylor at the school. No raffle in Nov - to be reviewed for next year. Considering one-way in/out route.

Speakers booked for whole year except June – see Item 4.1. **NJ** will email speaker list to AL and SC

Request from shielding member re seeing talks via Zoom – technically very difficult/ possibly costly. **LMc** to respond.

11. Allotments:

1. GC – had thank you notes from volunteers re coffee morning, great success
2. GC – work party excellent, achieved great deal.
3. Bonfire Nov 5th – GC – sensible to postpone, notes of agreement from people. **SC** to check PL insurance and event insurance for future
4. LM – all maintenance done taps off etc.
5. Bottom hedge – now done
6. Allotment Maintenance coordinators are WH and KC – need to compile a list of skills from allotment holder volunteers **KC/WH**.

12. Allotments Roadway/Path/ Fencing Construction:

1. SC - Response from Parish Council – no movement on anything yet.
2. GC contacted by J Lovegrove re planning application re show homes. SC checked application, objected to additional flag poles on allotment roadway and queried whether those installed had permission.
No news from Crest Nicholson on start date and 1 month notice period. Exploratory groundworks started on site.

13. Social Programme:

GC/NJ to discuss

14. Health & Safety

AL wishes to resign role. **WH** to take over and produce H & S policy to cover allotments and events.

LM – tree over allotment 99 needs trimming – **AL** to write to holder

15. Community Orchard / Butterfly Garden:

SC/AM to inspect the orchard re additional planting. **SC**

Butterfly Garden – North Pond group met with Hants Countryside Services and have agreed to put additional railway information board in garden area, not on our maintained part. Generally felt we should write to Countryside Services to make our objection known- **SC**

16. AOB:

20.45 Meeting Closed; Next Meeting TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER AT 1 RARERIDGE CLOSE, SO32 1PU 7.30pm

Actions agreed at this/previous meetings to carry forward: