

BISHOP'S WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21st March 2022 7.30pm at the Shed

Present: Chris Curtis (CC), Gill Hamill (GH), Anthea Mabey (AM), Larry Mabey (LM), Nicole Jones (NJ), Gill Cooper (GC), Sue Curtis (SC), William Heaps (WH), Liz McClymont (LMc), Annie Lowe (AL)

1. **Apologies:** Kate Cassell (KC),
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Approved and signed
3. **Matters arising not on the Agenda:**
 1. Plant Sale – Labelled donations Fri 6th May to Shed all day, sale 10 – 1pm Sat 7th and 10 – 12 am Sun 9th. Trustees to assist from 9.00am. Range of fixed prices using coloured sticks. Gazebo outside if needed. General purpose BWGC banner at top of Albany Road plus 'Plant Sale At Allotments Today' banner - **GH** to order
 2. SC – Shed and PL/EL Insurance- still awaiting certificate and invoice – **SC** will chase again.
4. **Correspondence:**
 1. GC – BWIB request for volunteers – to mention at monthly meeting, not email request
 2. SC – request for memorial tree for Jane Carpenter at orchard – OK but no plaque and cost to cover all materials **SC** to respond
 3. SC – Parish Council instituting Community Garden, no conflict with allotments - for information
5. **Finance:**

CC – Bank a/c's balance currently £23175 with £220 insurance outstanding + trustee claims.
Card readers – SUMUP unchanged since last reported on issue. Use of QR code / Paypal account possible fee = 1.75% + flat fee but Charity Rates possible. CC to investigate further and set up for 1 month trial
6. **Membership:**

CC – Currently 313 members . 168 allotments, 1 vacant.
7. **AGM:** Deferred to April, to precede speaker. Membership to be notified – **LMc**. New members to be sent full documentation by 5th April
Trustees to be sent nomination forms - **SC**
8. **Trading:** LM
 1. Going OK, potatoes and onions slow to sell
 2. Spare key to internal door – location given.
9. **Allotments:**

AM – letting plots as become available, some new people from estate.
LM – Driveway posts and window padlocks – would like one system with one key for all locks, cost about £140 - agreed
KC/WH -
 1. Mower shed being cleared out, old fuel gone.
 2. Roof repair – still waiting for Damian to cost.

3. Local mower repair man found
4. Fire service – KC doing on-line workshop with advice
5. Taps need repair before turn on – ask for a plumber among members - **LMc**
6. Grass cutting all OK – 2 x Johns doing sit-on mowing. Need to use E5 fuel.
7. 2 x lightweight rotovators available in Shed.
8. New fuel store cabinet ordered
9. Signage being reviewed
10. LMc – reported bricks protruding into lower driveway - hazard

10. Roadway Construction / Parking: SC/LM

Issue re Amendment as part of Discharge of Conditions to route construction traffic down Albany Road. SC written to Site Manager and PC re implications for parking and need to find alternatives. **LM** to enquire of local landowner what the problem is with Tangier Lane access.

Health & Safety: WH

Continuing to make Risk Assessments and amendments.

10. Monthly programme: NJ

Trustees volunteered to assist with set up at next monthly meeting. Need tea/coffee rota.

11. Social Programme:

GC /NJ arranging. Wakehurst Place (National Trust) had good amount of interest at Feb. evening but will re-assess with pricing information at March meeting. Need 35 people on coach for total cost of £35 for non-National Trust members and £23 for NT members. Journey 2+ hours each way.

12. Newsletter / Publicity:

AL all in hand

LMc – OK, sending out emails as requested and information on Facebook.

13. Community Orchard / Butterfly Garden:

SC /GC – agreed location for North Pond Group information panel with them. Also SC written to ask HCC Countryside Services to fund new sleepers for edge of bed and fence repair.

Orchard – too wet to weed recently. To review maintenance situation. Ann Magrath asked re tree for Brian Hutchings – as he did not support Orchard idea declined.

14. AOB:

1. SC – information on Parish Council interest in clearing central ditch at allotments to alleviate water inundation at Cricket Club – SC has informed PC it is piped.

2. LM – plaque over mower store for Brian Hutchings – agreed. **GC** to approach Sandy Hutchings for approval and Men's Shed for construction.

Meeting Closed; 21.20

Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th April 2022 at The Shed

Actions agreed at this/previous meetings to carry forward: