

# Bishop's Waltham Gardening Club

Minutes of meeting held 16th May 2022 7.30 at the shed

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**Present** : Nicole Jones (NJ) Gill Hamill(GH) Gill Cooper (GC) Kate Cas-sell (KC) William Heaps (WH) Annie Lowe (AL)

**Additionally** Colin Carter attended for discussion on the BWGC Annual Show 23rd July 2022 to be held at the Jubilee Hall, Item 4

**Apologies** : Liz McClymont (LMc) Sue Curtis (SC) Chris Curtis (CC) Anthea Mabey (AM) Larry Mabey (LM)

1. **Minutes of last Meeting** : Approved and signed
1. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda:** SC email of 24/4 noted.
1. **Correspondence** : 1. **GC** thanked all for help with the AGM which was not quorate but no decisions were taken. 2.Thanks received from Nick Willets for leftover plants given to the Scout sale. 3.Allotment holders expressed concern regarding vehicles speeding on the track to the Cricket Club - **WH** will action. 4. **LMc** will publicise in Newsletter : May Talk, Allotment water butts to be refilled - not left empty, Water hose use during summer, Plant Sale : thanks to all helpers, cake makers, allotmentees for growing and donating plants and eager buyers. Additionally, help needed for The Show direct to Colin at [colinbcarter@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:colinbcarter@tiscali.co.uk)
1. **The Annual Show** Discussion arising from **GC** email of 11/5 forwarding Colin Carter's list of topics regarding work already done and help needed. **Trustees** are asked to contact Colin direct by email with their offers of availability and help both before (Friday 22nd at the Shed to complete entry cards) and on the day of the show AM or PM or all day. **NJ** to provide contact to **GC** for judge for the Cookery Classes. Need a judge for Art/Craft classes. Need a lead for Raffle ( quality prizes to be bought not donated). Programme for the day will be sent out to members by email with a few additional paper copies in the Shed. **AL** to distribute publicity posters and her daughter's kind offer to advertise on Twitter accepted. Colin to place advert with Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies. Colin will get banner updated and find or replace trophies. **SC** to request Banksian medal from RHS ( no need for any more entry cards). **GC** will coordinate the Children's Competition, completing entry cards on the day. Decided against providing lunch for judges. **WH** will contact **CC** for BWGC cheque book to pay judges and organise a float for the refreshments plus money for prizes.
2. **Finance** As shown in **CC** email of 1/5. **AL** commented that allotment costs were nearly the same as allotment fees and Trustees should consider giving notice at the 2023 AGM

of a possible increase in fees given that allotment costs e.g fuel and mower servicing were increasing.

3. No update.
4. **Plant Sale GH** thanked everyone for their help in making the Plant Sale this year such a success. Volunteers had also been thanked by text or personally. Next year's sale would be along the same lines. Overall, plant sales and refreshments raised £510.10. Discussion around possible improvements will be incorporated next year.
5. (Taken at 5 above)
6. **Trading** No report
7. **Allotments** No report
8. **Allotments Roadway /Path/Fencing construction** No news. **SC** to ask for progress update on fencing from the Parish Council as pavement and road finishing must be imminent and therefore the possible removal of Heras fencing?
9. **Health and Safety KC** has been in contact with Communities and Local Government office to obtain guidance on fire safety in the Shed. Will action further when advice received. Fire Extinguishers will be required in place of Fire Blanket. **WH** will update Mower instructions to include Trustee only access to refuel mowers. **All Trustees** advised to allow only 3 mowers in use at any time.
10. **Monthly Programme** 25/5 Barry Newman "Preparing for your Show". 22/6 Craig Whitelock, Hants and IoW Wildlife Trust "Wilder Gardens". **All Trustees** to advise **GC** if they can help at the monthly meetings. **AL** will take over the Monthly Programme from **NJ**.
11. **Social Programme** Outing to Waterperry Park, Oxfordshire, in September being trialled by **NJ** and **GC** 9/6.
12. **Newsletter/Publicity/Social media AL** will need to reconsider whether article every month is still possible.
13. **Community Orchard/ Butterfly Garden** Ann McGrath and **NJ** taking manure to Orchard when access is possible. Would welcome more help.
14. **AOB** 1. **KC** advised that 2x Apple trees from Clare Grover have been planted at Allotments. 2. **NJ** will send possible contacts for a local plumber to **KC**. 3. **NJ** suggested an A5 size recipe book to sell at BWGC events. Contributions to come from club members. **NJ** will investigate costs involved.

Meeting closed at 21.30

**Next meeting Monday 20th June**