

**BISHOP'S WALTHAM GARDENING CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 18<sup>th</sup> July 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), , Annie Lowe (AL), Kate Cassell (KC) William Heaps (WH)

1. **Apologies:** Liz McClymont (LMc)
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:**  
Approved and signed
3. **Summer Show –**  
Notes received from Colin Carter reviewed, all clear. CC queried how person logging entries knew who was a non-member for entry fee – **CC** to send list of members to Colin Carter.
4. **Finance:**  
£22712 in bank – CC queried whether worth continuing Paypal experiment, confirmed minimum payment applied because of fixed fee + %age per transaction.  
GC has submitted hall hire forms to school
5. **Membership:**  
336 members. 171 plots (55 x whole, 82 x half, 34 x quarter) Latter popular with newer, young people, encourages them to continue. 1 vacant plot.
6. **Trading:**  
LM – slow trading in July, £80-100 per weekend. May look elsewhere for onion/shallot/garlic.  
Potato competition winner info. To be emailed out in monthly note **LMc**
7. **Allotments:**  
AM – 15 people on waiting list  
Plots not cultivated to standard were checked on 27/06/22 and letters giving 28 days to improve sent out to 8 by SC.. Two now resolved, others to be re-inspected on Thursday 28/07/22 by **GC/AM/SC**.
8. **Allotment Roadway/Fencing/Footpath construction:**  
SC – Fencing – had been to PC Hall & Grounds meeting on 21/06/22 and spelled out allotment situation, sent plan of top field requirement to PC as requested. Some correspondence from allotment holders resulting from last update sent on 27/06/22 led her to question whether should re-visit fencing decision as there are 56 new allotment holders since vote in 2021 and 1.8m high Heras fencing with restricted access has been in place for 6 months, no firm quotes for cost of lower field fencing. Number of Trustees consider security fencing needed against public and animal encroachment. Noted that new development has left allotments open to SINC and Tangier Lane. LM keen to pursue reduced fence option for lower field – this reduces costs but requires agreement of Parish Council and Cricket Club. If no full agreement then type of fencing to be reconsidered. **SC** to write to both parties.

9. **Health & Safety:**

WH and AM to conduct postponed review. Risk assessment document being reviewed by person with relevant experience.

10. **Monthly Programme:**

NJ – next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> September – she cannot be present so GC will need assistance.  
**SC** to check on hire of Jubilee Hall for Social Evening.

11. **Social Programme:**

Agreed May/June 2022 for visit to Waterperry Garden.

12. **Publicity / Social Media:**

AL – Parish News late entry so September meeting missed. Twitter account – apparently we have one set up in 2018 – **SC** to mail AL email address of contact  
**SC** to notify LMc of items for monthly mail.

13. **Community Orchard / Butterfly Garden:**

Orchard – plots all cultivated , wiring round trees to come down in autumn  
Butterfly Garden – no issues, SC still waiting for Parish Council to install new sleepers.

14. **Matters arising not on the Agenda:**

1. BWGC Recipe Book , A5 format. NJ - printing cost quote from Solent Design is:  
28 pages (4 sides x cover +24 internal), colour, 50 =£110, 100+£165, 250 = £295 + design cost.  
Could sell at £3 per copy. Ask members for recipes using fruit / vegetables. GC could design layout.

15. **Correspondence:**

1. GC/SC various correspondence re altercation between non-member and allotment holder.  
Decided not a matter for Trustees. **SC** to write to 2 parties involved, **GC** to write to third party.  
2. SC – letter via website re birds trapped in netting – note to go out to allotment holders – **Lmc**.

16. **AOB:**

1. LM – bridge between fields will be completed shortly  
2. LM – Grazers – pest deterrent liquid can be trialled for free from Shed, if any good will stock  
3.LM – over-supply of produce by some allotment holders, suggests Bring and Take table at Shed – bring on Saturdays, take on Sundays. Surplus to compost / lunch club - **LMc**.  
4.LM – need to remind PC re hedge cutting in September / October - **SC**  
5. LM – Annual BBQ – agreed Mon 29<sup>th</sup> August. **GC** to ask Gill Stainer to organise food  
6. WH - Portsmouth Water asking people to limit water use – note to go to allotment holders re hose use - **LMc**

**Meeting Closed: 21.30**

**Next Meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at The Shed**

**Actions agreed at this/previous meetings to carry forward:**