



# High Wych Allotment Association Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Linda & Gareth Emanuel, Barrie Richardson, Sue & Steve Hall, Janet Stanton, Abel Santos, Alison Hollis & Steve Brown.

**Apologies for absence:** Martin Greenaway, Mike Blight, Mark Sears, Janice Warwick, Mike Brown, Roger Glyn, Dave Smith

### **Approval/Matters Arising from AGM Minutes – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018:**

There were no matters arising from the last year's AGM minutes and they were approved by Steve Hall and seconded by Abel Santos.

### **Chairman's Report:** (Martin Greenaway)

I would like to welcome all newcomers that have joined the Allotment's in 2019 and I hope you enjoy your time here. Sorry to see those that have left this year.

We have completed some hedge cutting, unfortunately not as much as we would've hoped due to work and family commitments. The cameras have been out this year across various locations but unfortunately nothing has been seen other than rabbits and spiders spinning their webs across the lens, which to be fair is quite fascinating!

I will be standing down as the Chairman of High Wych Allotment Society, due to work and personal commitments along with trying to find time to do work of my own. I would like to wish my successor all the best and I hope you will all agree with me and support where and when needed.

Apologies that I cannot be here this evening but unfortunately I had a prior commitment that I could not change.

*(Linda, on behalf of the committee and members, expressed thanks to Martin for the contribution he has made in the last two years. The removal of harmful asbestos, improvements to the entrance gate and the many hours checking footage from the cameras!)*

### **Treasurer's Report:** (Barrie Richardson)

We started the year with a balance of £629.72 and finished with £681.49, an increase of £51.77. (Please see attached PDF to this e-mail detailing balance statement).

Public liability insurance cost £78.64, NSALG membership £93.00 and Christmas drinks at the Rising Sun £144.80. We also bought flowers for Chris Sears as a get well gesture and spent £50 on a post rammer for association members to use.

The major source of income was the plant sale which raised £414.85. £61.03 was raised by the sale of Kings seeds and the shop made a profit of about £45.

We also raised £70.10 for St. James church by sale of vegetables and plants at the scarecrow festival. Thanks to all who contributed and helped on the day

At the start of the year we had a stock value of £558.32 and finished the year with a stock of £555.23. I will be getting in more canes and some half seed trays in the next month or so together with more fertilizers early next year. Taking into account the increase in stock, our balance has increased by about £49.

The plant sale pays primarily for public liability insurance, membership of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners, improvements to the site and any equipment for general use.

**Secretary's Report:** (Linda Emanuel)

Our New Year Social at the Rising Sun in January was disappointing on several counts. Due to a change of management the cost of the buffet had gone up which was also not helped by the fact five people did not turn up on the day and food was already paid for. I had asked at the AGM if people wanted to do something different but those present still wanted the same format. As regards to a social in 2020 I would recommend we do something in the summer, perhaps a BBQ as the January date has not been well supported the past few years.

I did a clothing order, but if you missed out, or would like something I will be doing another one in March/April next year.

Thanks to everyone who donated and took part in the May Plant Sale and the High Wych Festival. These two events seem quite a hit in the wider community each year.

The web-site has been re-vamped and updated, please use it for information or if you want to put something on the web-site please let me know.

There has been a lot of changes on site this year. With several well-known faces leaving and newcomers joining. Several existing plot holders have also given up half plots or moved within the site. As we clear away and start getting ready for Spring let's look forward to a good 2020!

**High Wych Parish Council Report:** (Dave Smith)

Plot Allocation - There have been a number of changes of tenancy in the past year but all but a single half plot is in use.

Tenancy Fees - The first draft budget for 2020-2021 for HWPC has been prepared and proposes that rents will remain the same for the September 2020 payment.

Grants - There is a grant of £100 available to the current financial year should the HWAA wish to request it. A further £100 has been budgeted for the following year.

Complaints - Following further complaints from tenants, an official warning letter has been sent to one particular tenant highlighting the need to maintain the plot in a satisfactory manner. The plot will be monitored on a regular basis and action taken if it becomes necessary.

**Election of Officers:**

Chairman – **Sue Hall** (*Proposed Barrie Richardson, Seconded Steve Brown*)

Treasurer – **Barrie Richardson** (*Proposed Janet Stanton, Seconded Abel Santos*)

Secretary – **Linda Emanuel** (*Proposed Sue Hall, Seconded Steve Hall*)

Committee Member – **Mike Blight** (*Proposed Steve Brown, Seconded Steve Hall*)

Committee Member – **Alison Hollis** (*Proposed Steve Hall, Seconded Steve Brown*)

**Any Other Business**

A bank mandate form needs to be completed for signatories to be set up as per the new committee. Sue and Barrie to arrange.

The seed orders are all now in as reported by Barrie.

Hedge Cutting/Maintenance – two dates for working parties scheduled for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 10.00am. (An e-mail reminder will be issued nearer the time).

Our next Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January (time and venue to be confirmed).

**PLANT SALE** – will be on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – please put a note in your diary!!!

**Date of next AGM – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 7.30pm**