

### High Wych Allotment Association Annual General Meeting

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall

### **MINUTES**

<u>Present:</u> Mike Blight, Barrie Richardson, Gareth & Linda Emanuel, Martin & Louise Greenaway, Steve & Sue Hall, Janet Stanton, Mike Morgan, Robert Collie, Michael Jones, Abel Santos

**Apologies for absence**: Mark Sears, Nigel Rivers, Dave Smith (HWPC)

### Chairman's Report:

The 2016/17 season has been one of great success for most plot holders. The weather played ball and the seasons came in the right order. We have seen several new arrivals and I welcome them and trust they have made new friends and are enjoying the site.

This has been the first year since I took on my plot, due to ill health in the family, that I have not been able to give it the attention it needs, so things were planted late and the weed was a problem but things grew and with help from neighbours produce has been picked.

The general appearance of the site is still first class and a credit to the plot holders but we do have the odd plot which causes concern and I trust things will improve on that front.

We have a waiting list so if anyone wants to downsize please let the Secretary know. Don't leave it until a full renovation is required.

In recent days my own health has taken a downward turn and I have decided to stand down as chairman of the Association but will be willing to stay on the committee if required.

### **Treasurer's Report**:

Barrie started by thanking our Chairman Mike Blight for all his work with the Association. Everyone fully respected and understood Mike's decision to step down.

Again this has been another successful year financially. We started the year with a balance of £744.04 and finished with a balance of £897.12. This increase was mainly due to the very successful plant sale which raised £448.70. The shop raised about £66 and sale of seeds (Kings give a 10% discount) raised another £21.

At the start of the year we had a stock value of £572.17 and finished the year with a stock of £469.24. I will be getting in more canes, some fertilizers and some seed tray inserts in the next month or so. Taking into account the decrease in stock, our balance has increased by about £50.

The plant sale pays for public liability insurance, membership of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners and for a drink in the Rising Sun at Christmas.

**High Wych Allotment Association** 

Receipts and Payments 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2016 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017						
Balance at 30th September 2016	£	£	Payments		£	£
Cash	23.00		Purchase of goods for sale		788.55	
Bank	721.04	744.04	Purchase of seeds		711.41	
			Purchase of compost for sal	le	507.00	
Receipts			Public liability insurance		77.33	
Sale of goods	897.99		NSALG Membership		84.00	
Sale of seeds	732.06		Christmas at the pub		82.30	
Sale of compost	507.00		Mole catcher		90.00	
Plant sale	448.70		Hire of memorial hall		7.50	
Donations	1.27 2	587.02	Lawn Mower for Association	1	50.00	
			Stamps		2.75	
			Spares for strimmer		14.90	
			New taps for central water b	outt	9.58	
			Cups for plant sale		3.10	
			Petrol for Association mower	r	4.70	2433.12
	Balance at 30th September 201		r 2017			
			Cash		62.38	
			Bank		835.56	897.94
Total	3,	331.06		Total		3,331.06
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### **High Wych Parish Council Report**:

Dave Smith was unable to attend this evening but his report was read out by Linda and is attached to the minutes.

### **Secretary's Report**:

I received a letter of thanks from Janet Bellingham re our contribution to the Flower and Scarecrow Festival back in September which I will pass around to those present at this meeting. I believe there is a provisional date of 7/8/9<sup>th</sup> September for the festival next year which may have a different format – but will await details.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the various charity events (organised by Val Foster), for all the donations gratefully received and also those taking an active part within the High Wych community.

I would also like to remind you High Wych publishes the Link Magazine which is a very useful guide to various news and events. You can also access the community website:- www.highwychandallensgreen.co.uk

Can I also remind everyone to provide any change in contact details to be sent to Dave Smith (HWPC) or myself so our records are kept up to date. I also need confirmation of those plot holders who would rather receive by post than e-mail.

Along with Mike Blight/Dave Smith I will be reviewing our Association and HWPC rules and sending out copies to all plot holders so everyone is aware of the requirements in belonging to the NSALG and our obligations to one another.

### **Election of Officers**:

The Committee is now formed as follows:-

Chairman – Martin Greenway (Proposed Mike Blight, Seconded Mike Morgan)

Treasurer – Barrie Richardson (Proposed Linda Emanuel, Seconded Robert Collie)

Secretary – Linda Emanuel (Proposed Mike Blight, Seconded Martin Greenaway)

Committee Member – Mike Blight Committee Member – Roger Glynn

<u>Approval of AGM Minutes from 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016</u> – proposed by Mike Morgan and seconded by Gareth Emanuel.

<u>Matters arising from previous minutes</u>:- once the asbestos has been removed from the site Mike Blight stressed the need to improve the Association Plot. Paving slabs are available to create a hard standing which in turn would provide a social area. A working party will need to be organised.

<u>Asbestos Removal</u>:- This is due to take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 8.00am. Linda to send an e-mail informing all plot holders.

<u>Improvements to Site Entrance</u>:- It was agreed by all those attending the AGM we will level the ground and go for the mesh option. Barrie to source the supplies and a working party to be organised.

Plant Sale: This will be held on Saturday 19th May 2018.

<u>Social</u>:- Linda suggested we have drinks and a buffet in the New Year rather than the run up to Christmas due to the number of people who were unable to attend last year. This was agreed and there is a provisional date of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January at the Rising Sun. Linda to book/confirm with the landlady Sharon.

<u>Seed Schemes</u>:- Barrie will need your orders by the end of November with cheques made payable to the Association and reminded everyone about the discounts we can receive.

<u>Moles</u>:- Some plots have reported continued problems with moles. Barrie advised there were three mole traps available. Mike Blight will contact the mole catcher again and see if this can be resolved and try for a better price.

<u>Plots</u>:- as stated by Mike Blight and Dave Smith the site is in very good condition but there are some areas that need improvement. Linda Emanuel to liaise with Dave Smith.

Date of next AGM: Tuesday 13th November 2018

## **HIGH WYCH PARISH COUNCIL**

# Report to the High Wych Allotments Association AGM on the 7<sup>h</sup> of November 2017

### 1. Standards

The plots, paths and hedges continue to be maintained to a high standard and, where issues have arisen, these have been dealt with.

There are no identified issues ongoing.

### 2. Tenancy Agreements

While the majority are up to date, there are a few new agreements which need to be signed off and will be addressed in the coming weeks.

### 3. Plot Allocation

All plots are in use and there is are 2 plot holders who would like to increase their plot size plus one new (local) applicant.

#### 4. Grants

The existing grant available from the Council (£600 + VAT) will cover most of the cost of the asbestos removal. It will be proposed at the next Council meeting on the  $15^{th}$  of November that the full cost will be borne by the Council (up to £900 + VAT) and that the grant available for 2018-2019 is reduced accordingly.

### 5. Rents

All rents for the 2017-2018 season have been received and the budget for 2018/2019 has been prepared on the basis that there will not be an increase in the rents.

**David Smith**