

High Wych Allotment Association Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 7:30 pm in the
Memorial Hall**

MINUTES

Present: 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.

High Wych Allotment Association					
Receipts and Payments 1 st October 2016 to 30 th 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 sale	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	2587.02	Lawn Mower for Association	50.00	
			Stamps	2.75	
			Spares for strimmer	14.90	
			New taps for central water butt	9.58	
			Cups for plant sale	3.10	
			Petrol for Association mower	4.70	2433.12
			Balance at 30th September 2017		
			Cash	62.38	
			Bank	835.56	897.94
Total	3,331.06		Total		3,331.06
Prepared by B Richardson			Dated	1 November 2017	
Examined by J Spencer			Dated	2 November 2017	

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

Approval of AGM Minutes from 8th November 2016 – proposed by Mike Morgan and seconded by Gareth Emanuel.

Matters arising from previous minutes:- 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.

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

Improvements to Site Entrance:- 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.

Social:- 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 13th January at the Rising Sun. Linda to book/confirm with the landlady Sharon.

Seed Schemes:- 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.

Moles:- 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.

Plots:- 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^h 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 15th 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