

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

PRESENT: Sue Johnson (in the Chair), Krysa Gaffney, Sue Brophy, Frank Lightfoot, Steve McDonnell, and Tony Whittle.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Nicola Francis, Sue Pownall, John Reid and Peter Whewell.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015

PW had agreed to continue as Chairperson, **KG** as Secretary, **NF** as Treasurer, **SP** as Trading Hut Manager and **TW** as Lettings Officer.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 6 January 2015 had been distributed to Committee members. Bagged rubbish was still being deposited on the verges outside Moorside despite the 'no fly-tipping' notices; **KG** would contact the Council and ask them to remove it. Cars were still parking on the verges.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG had nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NF was not present at the meeting but had received many of the rents.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

In **SP's** absence, **SJ** reported that business in the Trading Hut had improved over recent weeks; bird food, manure and paraffin were selling well. She had ordered more bird food and would be ordering more manure. **FL** suggested that the Trading Hut should start selling a small supply of fence panels although storage would pose a problem.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

There were 28 people on the waiting list. Asif Rafique, plot 82, had left and his plot had been let to Edward Gilchrist. Trevor Halton, plot 77 had left and Jane Miller had moved from 74b to 77. Plot 74a had been let to Andreas Welz. Amanda Stewart on plot 61a had left and Richard Littlewood on plot 61b would be offered the other half of the plot. Michelle Coleman would be giving up plot 31 and Colin Storey, plot 60, was also leaving. No work had been done on plot 71, and it would be re-let. It was agreed that the plots needed to be clearly numbered. **NF** and **PW** were co-ordinating the final version of the tenancy agreement.

BEE GROUP

There was little bee activity.

NAWG MATTERS

There was nothing to report

PLANT SCHEME

The group had met three weeks ago. **SJ** would be ordering seed trays and compost and had enough seeds to get started. In 2014, **SJ** had kept a record of what members wanted to grow and this would enable the group to focus their efforts during 2015.

SITE GROUPS FOR 2015

Bee Garden group: clearing work in the garden had been started.

Newsletter group: it was clear from the AGM that members would prefer to receive the newsletter in electronic form.

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AGM 2015 FEEDBACK

The motions of the revised rent and the revised Moorside constitution and rules were accepted by the membership. Details of the rent and the deadline for payment would be posted on noticeboards. **SM's** DVD was deemed a good introduction to the AGM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ There was discussion about what constituted the end of the allotment year. Rents are due at the AGM in January and members have until the end of February to pay their rents. This would be made clear in the finalised tenancy agreement.
- ◆ 7 - 14 February was National Bird Nestbox week. **SM** had a contact who would like to set up a stall during Trading Hut hours to sell cut-price birdboxes at Moorside.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 3 March 2015 at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre.

The meeting closed at 6.35 p.m.