

## **MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2015 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Tony Whittle (in the Chair), Kryss Gaffney, Sue Brophy, Sue Johnson, Steve McDonnell and Sue Pownall.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Nicola Francis, Frank Lightfoot and John Reid.

#### **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Peter Whewell had resigned from the committee and as chairman. **SP** was nominated for the chair by **SM** and seconded by **SJ**; **SP** was unanimously elected as the first female chairperson of Moorside and duly took the chair.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 5 May 2015 had been distributed to Committee members. **SM** asked for an alteration to the minute regarding the inspection by NAWG to reflect that his plots had been found to be satisfactory. **KG** and **SB** had added new planting to the bee garden.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**KG** reported that a skip had been ordered for Friday 12 June; this would allow the area around the Trading Hut to be tidied up. Entries for the City Allotment Competition had to be submitted by 1 July; it was agreed that the verges fronting the site would not be cut down but rubbish would be collected before the arrival of the judges.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**NF** was on holiday. Tony Francis had spent £369 on a new lawnmower for the association. **TW** had spent £110 on a new lock for the east gate; **KG** and **SB** had spent £50 on plants for the bee garden.

#### **TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Sales were buoyant and **SP** had obtained topsoil in 35-litre bags at a competitive price. New associate members were joining Moorside.

#### **WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTION**

There were 19 people on the waiting list and all plots were let. The tenant on plot 90a wanted to keep his plot and had started to work on the beds. **KG** would write to the tenant on plot 73b whose plot was causing concern. **TW** reported that the new membership list was nearing completion.

#### **BEE GROUP**

Bees on the site were active.

#### **NAWG MATTERS**

**SP** had been re-appointed for three years as a Site Representative in 2014 and would therefore not be standing for re-election at the Allotments Forum on 11 June; the elections for other site representatives would be held at 6.30 p.m. and there would be a gardening talk by John Soulsby at 7.00 p.m.

#### **PLANT SCHEME**

Plant sales were approaching their peak since members had mainly planted out their plants. Selling directly from plot 86 appears to have improved sales and was saving the team a lot of work. Planting of perennial and biennial plants for both the Moorside and City shows had begun. Stan Tortoise had planted surplus dahlias in the garden and the cut flowers would be available for sale in September.

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### OTHER SITE GROUPS

**Bee Garden group:** **SB** and **KG** had added new plants to the garden.

**Newsletter group:** **SP** had enough material for the newsletter but needed an electronic version of **FL**'s article on slugs and snails. Photos of bee and birdboxes were needed for the newsletter.

### SHOW COMMITTEE

Volunteers were needed for the day of the show and also to accompany the judges during the judging process. **SJ** was sourcing raffle prizes. The show brochure was being finalised. There was a possibility that the meeting room in the Nunsmoor Centre would be converted into an office; **SJ** and **KG** would investigate possible alternative venues before the next meeting.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ **SP** had been contacted by a member of the Geography Department at the University who had a student interested in conducting a project on drainage on Moorside; discussion of the project was in its early stages.
- ◆ There was evidence of dogs fouling on the lanes; members would be asked to keep dogs on a lead via the newsletter and notices on the boards.
- ◆ The free shelf was beginning to fall apart and would need repair.
- ◆ A resident on Moorside had raised the issue of a tree that was leaning on his fence; he was reluctant to cut it down from his side. **KG** and **TW** would liaise with him.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 7 July 2015 at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre. There will be a plot inspection at 2.00 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.