

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

PRESENT: Susan Pownall (in the Chair), Krys Gaffney, Sue Brophy, Nick Coster, Sue Johnson, Steven McDonnell and Tony Whittle.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Nicola Francis and Frank Lightfoot.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 3 October had been distributed to Committee members. There would be no delivery charge for the pea gravel that **FL** would be ordering from *Wickes*. **SP** was expecting a delivery of manure. There were no show committee meetings scheduled until 2018.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG had ordered a skip which arrived on 20 October; this filled gradually over the half-term week and many of the new members had been able to dispose of their rubbish.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NF was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments. There was little to report on the financial side other than that around £200 had been banked in October.

CHAIRMAN/TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

The Allotments Officer would be visiting the site on 8 November to discuss the work that needed to be done by the tree surgeon. **SP** was compiling a list of the trees that needed attention. Seed potatoes had been ordered as well as a supply of compost, including bulb compost. The water supply would be turned off in the middle of November. Some members had suggested holding a communal bonfire/social event; it was agreed that whilst this was a good concept in principle there was nowhere that such an event could practically and safely be held.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTION

TW reported that there were 33 people on the waiting list. Plot 52 had been re-let.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

SJ would complete the risk assessment form for the Plant Scheme. A notice regarding bonfires had been posted on the noticeboards. **SM** pointed out that Tony Francis puts up the canopy between the Trading Hut and the storage hut for the show; it was agreed as an association policy that, in the interests of safety, anyone carrying out work on (or from) the roofs of the huts should be accompanied at all times.

NAWG MATTERS

There was no new information about allotments becoming part of a trust but there would be a meeting on 8 November to discuss the issue.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ The council had posted notices on lampposts along Fenham Hall Drive advising that improvements would be made to the area.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 5 December 2017 at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre.

The meeting closed at 6.10 p.m.

KG

3 December 2017