

# MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 JANUARY 2018 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

**PRESENT:** Susan Pownall (in the Chair), Krys Gaffney, Nick Coster, Nicola Francis, Sue Johnson, Steve McDonnell and Tony Whittle.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Sue Brophy and Frank Lightfoot.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 5 December had been distributed to Committee members. **NF** had amended the rent form with Moorside's bank account details for those members who wished to pay their rents by bank transfer. **SP**, **FL** and **TW** had identified the tree pruning jobs which the association could carry out. **NF** had renewed Moorside's insurance. **SB** had cut back the overhanging tree growth on the outside perimeter of the site, by the top gate

### **2018 AGM**

**SP** had posted notices around the site and put information on the website about the AGM; the membership list had been updated so that members could be contacted about the meeting. Although the tenants on plot 48 were leaving, they would need to be notified about the meeting (as would their replacements). The proposed motion for the AGM was that the rents for 2018 should remain unchanged; an expected increase of £220 for PLI (equivalent to £2/plot) would be absorbed by the association. Further motions could be proposed from the floor at the AGM. The current committee members were willing to continue for 2018 and fresh nominations for committee membership could be taken from the floor. **SP** would compile the agenda and papers would be distributed to the membership by email; members without access to the internet would have the papers posted to them.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**KG** had nothing to report.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**NF** was finalising the accounts for the AGM and received the paraffin log from **SP**.

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

**SP** reported that the December Trading Hut takings amounted to £175. Moorside had made a total of £115.50 at the St. James' and St. Basil's church fair; Beverley Sawyer's jams accounted for £88.50 of this total!

### **WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS**

**TW** reported two additions to the waiting list which brought the total to 36. The tenant on plot 100 would be helping out on plot 104 and plot 100 would subsequently become vacant.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS**

**SM** reinforced that awareness was at the heart of health and safety matters. He would refresh notices on the safety noticeboard.

### **NAWG MATTERS**

It was unclear what the Freemen would decide about the running of Freemen sites when the management of allotment sites was devolved to a Trust. The maximum rent for a plot is set by the Council at £80; it is likely that rents would double over a period of ten years under Trust management.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- ◆ There was discussion about emailing the membership to make them aware about specific items of news. It was agreed that it was sufficient to post an item of news, of interest to the membership, on the website.
- ◆ **TW** reported that there was a surplus in the key deposit account and that half of it would be banked. The cost of cutting a key had risen from £12 to £14 and the key deposit would be raised to £15.

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### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 6 February 2018 at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre.**

The meeting closed at 6.35 p.m.

**KG**

**3 February 2018**