

## MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2018 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

**PRESENT:** Susan Pownall (in the Chair), Krys Gaffney, Sue Brophy, Nicola Francis, Ringo Gebbie, Sue Johnson, Frank Lightfoot, Steve McDonnell and Tony Whittle.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Nick Coster.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 6 February had been distributed to Committee members. The tree surgeon's visit was imminent and **SP** would notify the members whose trees were being pruned when he was due to arrive.

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

**KG** had received notification that membership of the National Allotment Society was due for renewal; it was felt that the benefits of belonging to the NAS (e.g. quarterly magazine, Kings seed scheme, legal advice) represented good value at £3 per member.

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

**NF** reported that approximately 15 rents were still outstanding and that she would be contacting the members concerned.

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

**SP** reported that sales were improving and that she had ordered a supply of organic compost.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE**

**SM** advised that all risk assessments (for the Trading Hut, Plant Scheme, toilets and access paths etc.) should be carried out in March in preparation for the safety audit in April. **RG** is a risk assessor by profession and was interested in knowing how Moorside carries out its H & S obligations.

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

**TW** reported that there were now 33 people on the waiting list since some had informed him that they were no longer interested in having an allotment. Plot 109a had been re-let. It was agreed that if one member of a joint tenancy became unwaged, the rental on the plot should not be charged at the concessionary rate. Site inspections would re-commence on 3 April at 2.00 p.m. and all committee members would be welcome on the inspection team if they were available. **KG** would order a skip for 29 March.

#### **NAWG MATTERS**

**SP** had attended a meeting on 24 February and reported that management of allotment sites would be devolved to a Trust but that the fate of Freeman sites had not been decided.

#### **2018 PLANT SCHEME**

**SJ** reported that seed sowing was under way but that plants would more likely be available for sale nearer the end of April than at the beginning of the month.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- ◆ The turning on of the water supply to the site would be delayed in view of the cold weather.
- ◆ The association's accounts have not been audited for some years; there was little value in doing so since an auditor would have little knowledge of how the association is managed.
- ◆ **RG** had an eucalyptus tree in his hedge which he would cut down since it could grow into a very large tree.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 3 April 2018 at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre. There will be a site inspection at 2.00 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 6.25 p.m.

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**KG**  
**22 March 2018**