

## MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE**

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

There were no **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 7 August had been distributed to Committee members. The committee received the sad news of Ringo Gebbie's death whilst on holiday and extended condolences to his wife Angie and her family. **FL** suggested that members should be encouraged to save water and that the use of water butts on the site should be promoted.

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

**KG** had nothing to report.

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

**NF** reported that all show payments had been made.

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

**SP** reported Trading Hut takings of £216.15 for August. The Trading Hut would be closed on 8 and 9 September.

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

All risk assessments would have to be completed before the show on 8 September. £50 had been raised from the sale of scrap metal from plots 64/65a and it was agreed that this should be donated to St. Oswald's. A communal bonfire on the cleared plots at the start of November had been suggested by one of the members; with outdoor lighting, some food and adequate safety measures the opportunity to burn the waste timber could be turned into a social event. It was agreed that this was a possibility but the finer details for holding such an event would need further consideration by the committee. **FL** proposed that members should start bringing their garden waste to the plots for burning to reduce the number of smaller fires on the site when the bonfire ban is lifted.

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

There were 27 people on the waiting list (now temporarily closed) and plots 74, 83a and 90a had been re-let. The tenant on plot 90a had been given notice to quit but was still on the plot, with a helper, during the site inspection; his behaviour was aggressive but he surrendered his key and the team suspects that he still holds a second one. Certain ploholders have helpers in their gardens; it was agreed that keyholders should provide the committee with contact details for helpers who visit the site. **SP** reported that keys now carried fobs labelled with plot numbers; she would obtain a supply for the association. **SP** had asked Richard Littlewood for a quotation to install CCTV on the toilets and the Trading Hut; Northumbria Water might assist financially with this project.

#### **NAWG MATTERS INCLUDING THE CITY SHOW**

**SP** had attended the City Show on 2 September and thanked all Moorside members who had donated produce for sale; £137.15 was raised. She would suggest to Pat Francis that this could be done at the Moorside Show to raise funds for the association. Stan and Audrey Tortoise won the Master Gardener and best display and **SP** had collected the competition awards for members who had been unable to attend the City Show. David Rochester had drafted a letter to the Freemen which was available on the

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*Greening Wingrove* website. There was still no decision about the future management of Freeman sites under the new Parks Trust.

### **2018 MOORSIDE ANNUAL SHOW**

Pat Francis had worked hard on preparations for the show. Show brochures had appeared on plot gates within the last fortnight; this was, however, considered to be very late and it was suggested that in future brochures should be available much earlier to allow members to prepare their entries. **SP** had bought the vase for the long membership award and **KG** would ask Richard Littlewood to email the membership to appeal for cakes on the day of the show.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- ◆ **FL** would order gravel for the paths and for individual members and ask for it to be delivered to the middle gate.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 2 October 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 6.50 p.m.

**KG**

**29 September 2018**