

MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 MAY 2019 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Susan Pownall and Nicola Francis.

APPEAL BY NEIL ROBBINS AND PAUL LANE, PLOT 75

Neill Robbins attended the meeting alone to appeal against the 2019 plot rent demand. He had taken on the tenancy of plot 75 in May 2018 and had paid the rent of £80; he said that he had been led to believe that, in view of the state of the garden, this would cover the rent for 2019 as well. After considering his arguments, the committee did not feel that there were sufficient grounds to exempt him from paying his rent and that he should be asked to do so by the end of May or to terminate his tenancy.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING held on 2 April had been distributed to Committee members. Show costs amount to approximately £650; it was felt that a breakdown of these costs would be useful. Since the transfer of allotments to the Trust, the Allotments Officer did yet not have control of his budget and was unable to order a skip for Moorside until operating systems were in place.

COMMUNITY PLOT UPDATE

Grass seed had been sown on the plot and was beginning to germinate. The rubbish would be disposed of when the skip arrived. The tenant on the neighbouring plot had agreed to pay half of the cost of the fencing. An event at Easter organised by the group had raised £43.51, of which £14.50 was in jam sales.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KG would continue requesting a skip through the Allotments Officer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NF was not present at the meeting.

TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT

SP was expecting a large order of goods for the Trading Hut. Takings for April amounted to £954.56.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

SM reported that all risk assessments had been completed. One of the members was a carpenter and had offered to make a new H & S noticeboard.

WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS

TW reported that with the addition of four new people, there were now 32 on the waiting list. The state of health of the tenant on plot 27 was unclear and the state of plots 11, 20b and 32 were a cause for concern; the tenants involved would be written to.

2019 PLANT SCHEME

Trading had begun and plant sales were buoyant. David Vincent had joined the group.

MOORSIDE SHOW

There was nothing to report.

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NAWG MATTERS

The next meeting of the group would be on Thursday 9 May.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ♦ **SB** asked whether there was money in the bee grant to buy plants for the tubs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 4 June 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

2 June 2019