MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT 5.30 PM IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE

PRESENT: Susan Pownall (In the Chair); Krys Gaffney, Secretary; Tony Whittle; Sue Brophy; Frank Lightfoot; Nick Coster.

- **1 APOLOGIES**: Nicola Francis, Steven McDonnell, Sue Johnson.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2020: Accepted as a true record of the proceedings.
- 3 Matters Arising: None.
- **4 Chairman's Report:** SP had confirmation that the tree surgeons were coming onsite on 6th February to carry out the previously agreed tree management work. She was in the process of sending out the papers for the AGM scheduled for 19th February. Following an email from the Urban Green Newcastle she had learned that the Wartime Sites future management by the Freemen had been put back until April 2021 due to their not having terminated their existing agreement with the City Council. It was therefore business as usual until then with 2020 rents being paid to Urban Green Newcastle via the City Council.
- **5 Secretary's Report:** KG had nothing to report.
- **6** Treasurer's Report: NF had circulated draft accounts ahead of the AGM. FL asked why there was a sudden increase in the Savings Account from £901.94 to £5912.56. SP would ask NF to clarify.
- **7 Trading Hut Manager's Report**: SP reported he January shop proceeds banked amounted to £428.28.
- **8 Community Plot Update**: In response to a request for a 2020 Plan, the Community Plot team had forwarded a proposed outline of events for the coming year. It was noted however, that there were no cultivation plans included in their report. SP had brought a representative from a city-based company around the site on 29th January to meet Rich Littlewood with the possibility of the organisation joining the Community Plot Project. The representative subsequently intimated they had decided an independent plot would be more appropriate for their needs.
- **9 Health and Safety Update:** Nothing to report.
- 10 **Waiting List, lettings and inspections**: TW reported that there were now 34 people on the waiting list. Contractors had been asked to price up the repairs to the shed roof on the disabled plot, the first of which had come in at over £600. FL suggested the repairs might be done in-house and agreed to price up materials before the next meeting. SP confirmed she had issued a final eviction notice to the plotholder on 60A. Nothing had been heard from them so the plot would be re-let without any further referral to the tenant.
- 11 **NAWG matters.** SP had nothing to report.

12 Any Other Business.

Show Group: SP said she had received a report from Pat Francis, the Secretary both for committee and AGM purposes. Pat had confirmed her wish to step down from the role of Secretary as soon as a suitable person could be found to take over.

Grant Application: SJ had advised the Chairman prior to the meeting that the LNER funding application through Greening Wingrove had been unsuccessful.

13 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 3rd March 2020 at 5.30 pm in the Nunsmoor Centre.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

SCP

26th February 2020.