

## **SHEPHERDS HILL ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION AGM 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

**Present:** Geoff Clark, Esther Coles, Adrian Dalton, Liz Denver, Eve Featherstone, Nick Finley(Chair), Les Garner, Julia Grant, Annie Griffiths, Susie Heap, Elliot Hodges, Tom Hodges, Greg Hone, Natalie Jones, Lynn Malloy, Juliet Mann, Jo Murray, Jill Pack, Liane Payne, Ian Potts, Kathy Riddle(Minutes), Cath Shepherd, Nigel Shervy, Jeff Somerfield, Charles Sweeney, Gary Sycamore, Nick Whitaker, Andrew Wraight, Trevor Wyatt.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Fran Blackburn, Marilyn Metz, Julie Yogasundram
- 2. Minutes of last AGM and matters arising:** Minutes agreed
- 3. Committee Secretary's report:** The Committee secretary's report gave a general overview of the past year and current position.  
We are still waiting for a dedicated Allotment Officer  
We have had two site inspections and over 30 NCNs have been issued  
The waiting list now stands at over 200 but all those on the 'deferred' list have now been contacted and there is only one list.  
14 people on the waiting list have been offered plots.  
A number of areas have been identified for future development (maintenance, social, educational)  
Full report on the website.
- 4. Special amendment to the Constitution:** The proposal to again elect a committee of 10 who then divide the tasks between them was agreed for another year until at least we have a dedicated Allotment officer
- 5. Treasurer's report:** Money has been spent on tree work and materials for laying Bodpave along the path to the chicken coop.  
Maintenance spending is recorded separately from the Plant Sale. The Trading shed will also be kept separate when responsibility is transferred to the site.  
Half the Plant Sale money went to the Harington Trust where it is much appreciated.  
Full report on the website.
- 6. Amendment to the Constitution re cheque signatories:** It was proposed that the requirement for cheque signatories to be officers should be changed to committee members. Proposed by Kathy Riddle, Seconded by Eve Featherstone.
- 7. Maintenance:** The track from the main entrance has been repaired, tree felling carried out in Queen's Wood and on plots 10a&d. The Queen's Wood pedestrian gate now closes. The chicken run is being restored with the intention of getting more hens. It is essential to keep vermin out. A number of jobs are still to be done.  
The Council expects tenants to help the site committee with maintenance work on small jobs.  
Richard Gledhill was thanked for looking after the water.
- 8. Events:** The Plan sale took a record amount of money - £330 on veg plants, £365 on teas and £532 on ornamentals. Half the proceeds went to the Harington Scheme. Jenny Gledhill has proposals for additions next year. It was proposed that next year the Plant Sale be on the Saturday before the Fun Run to avoid the Bank Holiday weekend.  
Publicity will be needed.  
October seed swap: This was at half term and not many people were there but everything brought was taken away.
- 9. Possible future joint AP & SH show:** Kathy reported that she had had several conversations with Bob Hare (Chair, APAA) about a future joint show. Bob had repeated the need for a separate organisation with a dedicated budget. He did not feel that the AP site committee could discuss a joint show and mentioned the possibility of AP having their own site-based show. A site-based show at SH was agreed a possibility.
- 10. Elections:** As there were fewer nominations than places available the chair declared all nominees elected. The current committee members will continue until the end of the year to tidy up and handover to the new committee members.
- 11. AOB:** Late item: Steve Hooper (Landscape Garden Firm and CREOS committee member) had approached us regarding spraying Japanese Knotweed along the

boundary with the Playing Fields. Tenants with plots in the area were not keen to spray as the Knotweed is growing among crops and want to meet with Steve when he visits. Jo Murray proposed a vote of thanks to all Committee members, especially those who are not re-standing. Nick thanked Kathy and Gary thanked Nick. The meeting finished at 8.17

Kathy Riddle  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2017