



Ashbourne Allotment Association Limited

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 21st November 2019

Location: Ex-Serviceman's Club, Ashbourne

In attendance were: Suzanne Norton (SN) (Vice Chair), John Scott (JS) (Secretary), Gill Reynolds (GR), Harry Seed (HS), Rick Plant (RP)

1.0 Apologies: Barry Morrison BM (Chairman), Max Hathaway (Treasurer) (MH), Nigel Coe (NC) (Membership secretary), Mick Chell (MC) Frank Jeffery (FJ).

2.0 Secretary

2.1 Approval of Minutes

2.1.1 Were approved as a true record of the 19th September, 2019 meeting.

3.0 Matters arising.

3.3	The Derbyshire Dales District Council has contacted the AAA to make alterations to our lease (surrender and regrant) - basically a change of named representatives from the AAA. Our solicitor; Mr. Graham Elliott is in contact with Carolyn Lucas to resolve the matter.	Last WhatsApp message from Graham Elliot. Dated 14 th Nov 2019. <i>'I need to discuss the draft lease with one of their solicitors. The locum who was dealing with it has left. I was told on Monday that they were interviewing which is why I emailed the head of legal services. On the basis that it took them about 20 months to respond to all my previous chasing, I am not expecting a response in a couple of days'.</i> SN: Kerry France is the solicitor for the DDDC. Carolyn Lucas from DDDC Estates has offered to go through the tenancy agreement with the AAA Committee.
9.2	BM: stated that he had spoken to a provider of Solar Panels - who could supply panels for lighting and heating. This would be especially useful for darker days if the committee wish to meet in the community shed. BM: will ask for a quotation.	



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4.0 Finance: Max (MH)

4.1 'We have £1,400 in the bank of which we will need approx. £520 before Xmas for water and insurance, that leaves is £880 for the usual £500 float and then of course we have the KG Loach bill coming up in the New Year but we will have rental income coming in to cover this'.

4.2 Full Budget report was distributed.

5.0 Membership: Nigel (NC):

5.1 Waiting List: NC email report 21st November 2019.

5.1.1: There are 15 on waiting list, the list is growing due to occupancy of the new housing estates around town and the fact that Brailsford allotment holders have been given notice to quit and several have enquired about space in Ashbourne.

5.1.2 One plot is currently vacant. Advance notice has been received for one more plot to be made vacant; once all crops etc. have been removed.

5.1.3 The next viewing for those on the waiting list is scheduled for this coming Sunday at 11:00

5.1.1.1 HS: believes there are 2 to 3 other plot holders considering vacating their plots.

6.0 Secretary:

6.1 JS: is presently holding the cash box for the AAA shop.

6.2 JS: Has been given a Casio cash register, it is working but till rolls would need to be purchased to prove it works fully. as it works on 240vac we need to purchase a 12volt to 240vac adaptor and a car battery to make it fully operational..

6.3 16 members have asked to join the Potato and Onion bulk purchase scheme. Delivery is expected at the end of January 2020.

6.3 Fencing: JS has had reported that he has had discussions with one fencing contractor who will quote for replacing the site stock fencing.

6.3.1 HS: If we concentrate on the top section of the site, all the plot owners would have to ensure the area at the rear of their sheds is kept free for access.

7.0 General Maintenance and Projects:

7.1 General Maintenance:

7.1.1 Volunteer days: all were agreed that we need to improve our efforts to organise Volunteer days better.

7.1.1.1 Picnic table needs action to remove green mold. SN: to organise during Volunteer day.



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7.2 Community Shed:

7.2.1 The shed has been painted twice, but still needs an additional coat on the front of the building.

7.2.2 Hinges need improved fixings to make them more secure.

7.2.3 Floor has been partially laid, but has been put on hold due to a roof water leak.

7.2.4 BM: has reported the problem of twisting roof joists. A meeting on site is to be called to discuss what actions are required to remedy the issue.

7.2.5 Shuttering needed for internal partition.

8.0 Plot Inspections

8.1 HS: reported that he and FJ had recently inspected the site and found 19 plots with various problems (one shed is in danger of collapse and others have items of material stored on their roofs; which may lead to a Health and Safety issue). HS to send the report to NC.

9.0 AOB:

9.1. HS: supplied the dates for the next AAA meetings to be held in 2020; dates are as follows:

23rd Jan. 19th March, 21st May, 23rd July, 17th September, and 19th November 2020.

9.2 SN: reported that the case of the First Aid box is broken. HS to find a replacement.

9.3 RP: reported that he has spoken to 2 shooters who are willing to visit the site to shoot vermin; such as Rabbits and Rats. RP: asked that a letter of Permission be supplied. JS to organise after receipt of full names and addresses.

9.3 RP: suggested we should have a sign that can be attached to the main gate stating `Shooting in Progress` - Agreed.

NEXT MEETING 23RD JANUARY 7:30PM

John Scott
28th November 2019