

Highfield Lane Allotments



Minutes of the AGM held on the 24th February 2011

1 Meeting opened by the Chairman Mr C Smith at 7:35pm

2 Members attending :- C Smith; D Barker; A Maynard, C Frost; M Smith; A Booth; J B Weild, B Farnsworth, J Morley, S Richardson, M James, J Sharp, W Stone, B Hollingshurst; M Hollingshurst; M Stubbs; T R West; J Macquisten; and M Macquisten.

3 Apologies received from P Green; V Mills, K Maynard, A Wheatland and G Prosser.

4 Minutes of the 2010 AGM were read out by the Secretary Adrian Maynard

5 Matters arising from the minutes were:- Previous Item 19: Rule 49 and the voting by Co-workers at meetings. A change of rule to allow all present at meetings, plot holders and co-workers, to have a vote. It was agreed that this is to be an agenda item at the first Committee meeting to allow for 14 days notice of a rule change. Previous item 20a: Fly tipping; notices have been put up at the bottom car park.

6 The 2010 AGM minutes were accepted: proposed M Hollingshurst seconded J Morley with all being in favour.

7 There was one correspondence pertaining to the AGM: a thank you letter from the Prada Willy Syndrome Association (UK) for the donation of the fantastic sum of £500.

8 The chairman read out his report (copy attached). Key points were:

- Winning Best Site in Derby in Bloom
- Shop still flourishing but had a break in
- Three very good working parties and thanks to all who helped
- Show and events sub-committee had a busy year plus provision of a water tank for the toilet for use in the winter.
- New gate lock and keys: we now know who have keys
- Grant obtained for the Carbon Digit Garden (A52 end)
- Two changes to the Committee: P Green has passed the editorship to M Macquisten and V Mills resigned as Treasurer. Many thanks to Vince for his work.
- Thanks to all members for their help during the year and especially to Jenny for keeping the toilet in good condition.

9 There was one matter raised that related to if a thank you letter was sent to V Mills. This is to be confirmed outside the meeting. [Post meeting note: letter was sent 19-12-10].

10 The Trading Secretary stated that all is still going well with the exception of the break in. New lines are being looked at and suggestions for new items are welcomed. Bird food has done very well this winter. However only 16 members have ordered seeds this year plus potato orders down following last year's poor seeds. The potato seed supplier has been changed. Use of the shop from "off site" members is still doing well.

11 From the Trading Secretary's report discussion focused on the need to encourage more plot holders to use the shop that does provide a significant subsidy to the rent for each plot. There is a need for each plot holder that uses the shop to encourage those that do not use the shop to support the site by buying from the shop.

12 The Acting Treasure circulated copies of the audited accounts. The income of the association relates to the rents and shop sales. The shop sales provided a subsidy of £6.22. Income for 2010 was up on 2009. Expenditure for 2010 was down on 2009. Largest expenditure was rent to DCC; new gate padlock and keys; insurance and water. From the balance sheet the available cash was £1002.03.

Of the water charges there was concern as it is a big expense and concern was expressed at the increase in water usage. Following a discussion it was agreed that more use should be made of water butts and the collection of rain water from sheds. With this there is a need to raise awareness of water use and that materials are available on site to harvest rain water.

A verbal report was provided on the activities of the Events and Show Sub-Committee. Events held in 2010 included: spring BBQ; Chadesden carnival; open day; August BBQ; harvest supper and bonfire night. All events free to plot holders. Through the year several purchases have been made to benefit the association. From fund raising there is £1198.44 in the audited account following the activities of the year and the donation to the nominated charity. Next year's nominated charity is "Wizz Kids". It was pointed out that any event is weather dependant and varies as do the expenditure for the events. Many thanks to those who helped and more can be done if more people stepped up to help.

13 The Acting Treasurer A proposal was made by the Treasure to pay the Trading secretary her honorarium of £192.75 (as shown in the accounts). All were in favour.

14 The audited 2010 accounts were signed off by the Auditor. It was proposed by W Stone that the accounts be accepted, seconded by B Weild. All in favour.

15 The Treasurer thanked Sue Richardson her work as auditor. Sue has agreed to carry out the duties of auditor for 2011. Prop to continue C Smith Sec C Frost. All in favour.

16 The current officers and committee were dismissed but continue until the end of the meeting.

17The officers for 2010/11 were appointed as follows: -

Nomination forms provided were completed for the following positions:

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded	Vote
Trading Secretary	A Booth	A Maynard	C Frost	All in favour
Secretary	A Maynard	A Booth	D C Barker	
Committee	D Barker	C Frost	A Maynard	
	C Frost	A Maynard	A Booth	

At the meeting the following were proposed and they accepted the nominations.

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded	Vote
Chairman	W Stone	A Booth	A Maynard	All in favour
Treasurer	C Smith	A Maynard	W Stone	
Committee	M Hollingshurst			
	B Hollingshurst			
	B Weild			
	A Richardson			
	J Morley			
	J Macquisten			
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M James				
M Stubbs				

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- a) Potential Caravan on site: It was reported that approval had been given for a caravan to be brought on site by a plot holder to be used as a shed. This was partly correct however the plot holder was informed that the landlord (DCC) would not approve and the plot holder was referred back to DCC for approval.
- b) Ramp to shop: Progress on the improvements was requested. Materials for the replacement ramp were on site but following the break in to the shop work was on hold while a decision on improvement or replacement to the shop is to be made (next Committee meeting).
- c) Thanks to Angie Booth were proposed for the securing of grant funding for the Carbon Footprint Garden; access ramps and adjacent car park. This was agreed by all present.

19 The date for the first committee meeting of 2010 is 7:15pm at the Chaddesden Park Social Club Monday the 14th March.

20 The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 10.05pm