

Highfield Lane Allotments



Minutes of the AGM held on the 01st March 2012

1 Meeting opened by the Chairman Mr W Stone at 7:30pm

2 Members attending :- C Smith; D Barker; A Maynard, C Frost; M Smith; A Booth; B Farnsworth, J Morley, S Richardson, W Stone, B Hollingshurst; M Hollingshurst; M Stubbs; T R West; J Macquisten; M Macquisten; L Reeve; A Reeve; M Taylor; R Hill; A Wheatland; P Stills; D Stills; J Stills and M Gilligan.

3 Apologies received from K Maynard (1719) and M James (1727).

4 Minutes of the 2011 AGM were read out by the Secretary Adrian Maynard

5 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

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

7 There were no correspondence pertaining to the AGM.

8 The chairman reported that it was a good year with work progressing on the Carbon Footprint (easy access) Garden which is almost finished and many thanks to all those who have given up their time to work on the project and to Dave Barker who has driven the work forward. Work has started on the site for the new shop which has impacted on progress on the Carbon Footprint Garden's progress. Working parties are going well on Wednesdays and Saturdays and with lighter evenings it is hoped we can do more in the evenings to hopefully involve more people. There is lots of work required on the site; shop and bottom container painting and bottom car park resurfacing.

I welcome the Bees on site, finally.

The site is involved in the local Derby in Bloom Jubilee celebrations in planting on plugs and looking after them for the Council to use around the area (Chaddesden Ward was the only Derby area chosen by Derby City Council for the celebrations).

Finally thank you to everyone for their support.

9 There were no matter raised.

10 The Trading Secretary stated that this is her last report as for personal reasons she is standing down. It has been a rewarding three years with Associate Membership increasing and the shop turnover also increasing. Angie also confirmed that she will provide support to the shop as and when she is able. Angie also wishes that all goes well with the new shop.

11 From the Trading Secretary's report the chairman, W Stone, provided his personal thanks for the work Angie has done.

12 The Treasure circulated copies of the audited accounts and reported that we are in a better financial position than last year. This is because our expenditure has been lower (we bought the padlock last year) and because the shop surplus has been higher (£8 per plot as opposed to £6 per plot last year).

In addition the £20 deposit for keys appears to be working as keys are now being returned by departing plot holders. This year we have received two grants: One from the Derbyshire Community Foundation for the disabled garden at the bottom of the site (which has been spent); and one from the Chaddesden Neighbourhood Board for work on the lower car park (which has now been substantially spent, but wasn't when the accounts were prepared).

Rents this year have remained the same as last year, however we did ask people to pay in full this year as we were unable to clarify if Derby City council intended to continue with the rebate scheme. This now appears to have been clarified, and so we will be returning the rebate amount to people as soon as I can get it sorted out. I have now analysed the water usage over the last few years (chart with accounts) and it is clear that water usage from year to year has been going up and down, although the cost continues to rise.

13 From the Treasurer's report a discussion about responsible water usage was held. Again it was confirmed that water collection materials were available (guttering down pipes and water butts) for fitting to sheds and buildings. Items for the "Good Life" to help gardeners understand responsible watering were agreed.

14 The audited 2010 accounts were signed off by the Auditor. It was proposed by C Smith that the accounts be accepted, seconded by B Hollingshurst. All present were in favour. The Chairman and two members signed the accounts.

15 The Treasurer thanked Sue Richardson her work as auditor. Sue has agreed to carry out the duties of auditor for 2012. Prop to continue C Smith Sec B Hollingshurst. All present were in favour.

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

17 The officers for 2012/13 were appointed as follows: -

Nomination forms provided were completed for the following positions:

| Position | Nominee | Proposed | Seconded | Vote |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Treasurer | C Smith | J Macquisten | A Maynard | All in favour |
| Secretary | A Maynard | C Frost | J Macquisten | |
| Committee | C Frost | A Maynard | J Macquisten | |

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

| Position | Nominee | Proposed | Seconded | Vote |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Chairman | W Stone | M Stubbs | M Smith | All in favour |
| Trading Secretary | M Hollingshurst | W Stone | A Booth | |
| Committee | A Booth | | | |
| | B Hollingshurst | | | |
| | B Weild | | | |
| | P Stills | | | |
| | J Morley | | | |
| | J Macquisten | | | |
| | D Barker | | | |
| | M James | | | |
| | M Stubbs | | | |
| | B Farnsworth | | | |
| | D Stills | | | |
| | M Gilligan | | | |
| | T West | | | |

18 AOB no items were notified before the meeting. The Chairman accepted the following points.

- a) Cheques: A request for the name to be changed to "Highfield Lane Allotments" this would require a new bank account and change of rules. The purchase of a stamp was agreed.

- b) C Smith proposed that the year to date shop commission be paid to the Trading Secretary (Angie). This was seconded by C Frost and approved by all present.
- c) A plaque for Ray Reeves on the remembrance bench was raised due to the service of Ray it was agreed that in this case a plaque be obtained.
- d) The meeting was informed that F Moorcroft passed away in December 2011 and that a plaque will be obtained for fitting to the remembrance bench.
- e) It was confirmed that the new shop had been purchased by the fund raising events of the Show and Events sub-committee and that the fitting out would be the Association's responsibility. It was pointed out that funds could not be moved from the Association's accounts to support the nominated charity of the Show and Events sub-committee.
- f) It was requested that a list of plot holders and plot numbers be displayed to allow people to be identified by name. It was agreed that this would be done if it did not conflict with data protection requirements.

19 The date for the first committee meeting of 2012 is 7:30pm at the Chaddesden Park Social Club Thursday the 19th April.

20 The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.50pm