

Horspath Allotments Association

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 18 November 2020

At 8.00pm on Zoom

Unconfirmed Minutes

Present: Dave Wright, Peter Cook, Melissa Swan, Becky and Nige Webb, Cath Riley, Lindie & Mick Pink, Fiona Smith & Tim Rowse, Barry & Hilary Franklin, Chris Goss, Owen Parsons, David Jones, Roy Grant, Chris Pym, Mary de Jong.

26 Apologies: Jan & John Bennett, Paul Stevenson Ann Lee, Sonia Keene, Judy Westgate, Peter & Sheila Frankum, Graham Diggie, Sue Oldfield, Kathryn & Phil Goodliffe, Steve & Jo Turnbull, Mark Bridges, Paul Headford, Sophie & Gaetan Staples, Paul Pattinson, Eve & John Drury, Geoff Rutherford, Rob Judges, John & Jacqui Bartlett, Peter Ewart, April & Mark O'Brien, Matthew & Helen Perriam, Steve & Karen Drewett, Gordon Clark, Anna Shannon, Ben Morris, Lindsay Spalding

27 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2019

Confirmation that the minutes were an accurate record

28 Matters arising from the previous meeting

28.1 Item 21.2 Interactive website

Chair reported that the website is now up. Chris has added the history and there is now the Covid diary to go on. Action now complete

28.2 Item 23 Asset Register and Machine Hire Log RJ/FS

Ongoing. **Action RJ/FS**

28.3 Item 25 Social Events

Covid reduced numbers of events. Ongoing. **Action committee**

28.4 Item 25 Plot 1 and Contract form

Plot 1 work has been carried out and sorted. An insert has been added into new contracts. Action now complete

29 Item 16 2018 Development of site

This has been included in chairs report. Action now complete

30 Chair report

Well 2020, what a year.

We managed to get the new entranceway installed at the beginning of January, and it has made a big difference not having the pot holes to contend with. A wet start to the year during January and February meant not much was able to be done on plots. Then once lockdown started, the fine weather came and suddenly, for most of us, our plots became our salvation. If you have had a chance to look at the Covid diaries I circulated, you can see evidence of how much enjoyment was had by most of us. Many thanks to Chris Pym for putting together the document, I know it caused him many headaches and indigestion, but he got there in the end.

We had a working party on Saturday 11 July for a couple of hours, followed by a BBQ. Many thanks for all that took part. I know it was not possible for a number of people who were self isolating, but we had a good turnout and managed to get the front hedge and verge trimmed, the social area and top track tidied up and the side track trimmed of brambles etc. The water system and other maintenance projects completed, all which would not have been possible without many volunteer hands while keeping socially distanced, and the weather was great for us. My thanks to all who were able to take part.

We also managed a BBQ in late August, again with socially distancing rules obeyed, but we did miss Cath, who had injured her knee. I hope you are now more mobile and feeling better Cath.

In June we had a visit from the land manager, who came and inspected the site, but whose main objective was in inspecting the land the HAA was taking over and adding to its lease. It had only been a year in negotiations at this stage! He did comment on a few plots that were not being kept to the rules and regulations about keeping plots tidy and managed, so I had to speak to one or two plot holders about it, and they were quickly sorted.

We managed to get nine new plots on the newly acquired part of the site, and I am pleased to say they have all been taken and we have lots of new members. Welcome to all of them. They come with varying knowledge and abilities, and I am sure we will get to know their faces in due course, and be there to offer any advice should they ask.

Before the end of spring, weather dependant, we will be extending the main track and putting in drainage, but I will let you know when that is happening, as you will not be able to bring vehicles onto the site during that period.

We also will be extending the water system, to the new plot area, starting this work while we have the track dug up. No village show this year, but hopefully next year.

31 Treasurers report

Treasurer was not present but balance sheet had been forwarded to all members. There were no questions and nothing to report

32 Election of officers

All had agreed to stand again and there were three new members

Chair – Fiona Smith

Vice Chair – Nigel Webb

Treasurer – Rob Judges

Committee Member – Steve Turnbull

Committee Member – Tim Rowse

Committee Member – Cath Riley
Committee Member – Chris Pym
Committee Member – Melissa Swan
Committee Member – Sophie Staples
Committee Member – Gaetan Staples
Secretary – Roy Grant
Proposed and Seconded

33 Proposed development of the site

Included in Chairs report

34 Any other business

34.1 Dummy TV cameras. CP raised the installation of the two cameras we have, one for the main gate and one for the container. A request for an electrician brought no response. Issue still pending **Action FS**

10 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 17 November 2021