

LICHFIELD & DISTRICT ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18th OCTOBER 2021 at 8pm in the Social Club, Purcell Avenue.

Present:

Tim Boylan, Martin Cornish, Andy Grice, Tony Lee, Bill Londesborough, Shirley Londesborough, Rick Stretton

Apologies: Liz Bowsher, Lewis Hatton, Juliet Jackson, Dan Jackson, Naomi Rutherford

Committee reports are attached.

MATTERS ARISING

There being no matters arising the Minutes were agreed and signed. The edited minutes for public view were also agreed.

Website Admin

It was proposed that Liz Bowsher should have full access to the society website admin, and all agreed. Bill will pass this decision on to Lewis so that he can organise it.

Budget & Rents 2022/23

Martin's projection for this year shows a likely surplus of around £1100 at the end of this year. This reflects that some expenditure has been put on pause due to the difficulties created by Covid restrictions over the year. Martin presented scenarios for 2022 based on annual rent of £40, £50 and £60. Capital expenditure of up to £5,000 was identified, including a badly needed new shed and base for Beacon Street. The Committee agreed that a rent rise to £50 per annum for a full plot and £25 for a half plot should be put in place for 2022. This information will need to be communicated to society members in advance via web site and email.

Previously the committee has decided that the date for collection of rent should be brought forward from March to January. As the March date is stated in the Constitution & Rules, we would need to have a decision at an AGM. Unfortunately we have been unable to hold one this year and so this decision will have to be made in March 2022, which means that the moving of the rent collection date will have to be deferred until 2023. The invite to the AGM should include information regarding the upcoming vote on moving of the rent due date. A rent increase e mail should be sent out towards the end of this year and we will ask Liz to compose this to inform members of the rise.

Rick asked if we could send Lichfield Waterworks Trust a donation to acknowledge their gift of a strimmer to the society. A figure of £30 was agreed and Rick will send their information to Martin.

Potato Competition

Bill will purchase seed potatoes and will sell at the AGM.

Secretary Position

There has been no interest in taking on the position. We may need to look into breaking down the role for example by having a separate Show Secretary. Shirley will send out another email and site reps were asked to talk about it as much as possible on the sites.

Tribute to Judi Kirby

Andy has spoken to her family and it was decided that we should donate money for them to purchase plants for the side of the new shed which they would plant and tend themselves. It was agreed that we would donate £50 for this.

AOB

Andy has met with Nigel Boden the new Open Spaces Officer with the Council. They are cutting back all the trees along the brook. Debris from this operation last year caused a flood when sluice gates at Stowe Pool were opened. Andy has therefore asked for a test run opening of the sluice after the trees have been cut. He also informed the committee that the Council are using Dovehouse Fields for storage of bark chippings and this is free to anyone who wants to help themselves. The sewage pipe at Netherstowe has burst again and Severn Trent are investigating.

Martin asked site reps to execute any outstanding expenditure before the end of the year, preferable by the end of November.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

Next meeting – Monday 15th November 2021 at 8pm