

Annual General Meeting
Sunday 5th March 2017 @ 2.15pm
The Quaker Meeting House, Corporation Lane

1) Present:

Simon Howard	Plot 19
Kay Hawkins	Plots 13, 21 + 22
Charlotte Cluderay	Plot 26
Clare Owen	Plots 4 + 5
Fiona Owen	Plots 12 + 14
Charles + Pat Mansell	Plots 46 + 49
Tony + Julia Lord	Plots 16 + 17
Phil + Lib Oliver	Plots 15 + 18
Doreen Hancock	Plots 24 + 25
Ben Brown	Plot 40
Robert + Karen Copland	plots 36 + 42

Apologies:

Steve Millar
Clare Roberts
Claire Kirby

2) Minutes from last AGM

Charlotte Cluderay ran through a brief synopsis of the minutes from 2016. It was agreed that these were a fair representation of the previous AGM.

3) Chair's report and recap of site rules

Simon gave a brief overview of his report of 2016 from the site. He reminded plotholders that they are responsible for the upkeep of pathways adjoining their plots and that weed suppressant fabric has been obtained for use by the committee on any spare plots to try and keep them tidy until they are re-let. SH reminded people that they should always make sure the padlock on the main gate is locked when they are last to leave (if it's not obvious that there are others on site, assume you are the last!). Plot holders were asked to ensure that traffic on Corporation Lane is to be kept to a minimum, and urged to walk to the site or park further up if at all possible, as the lane condition deteriorates.

SH had checked the water supply and whilst not frozen over winter, there seems to have been some damage to the tap in the field near the site, which may be causing the problem with water to the site. Explorative work will be needed to establish the cause.

4) Membership Report

CC gave a brief update on the membership of the site. Currently no waiting list and have taken some enquiries for the four plots available at this time – advertising plots via Facebook seems to be generating some interest. Plot 13 to be cleared by the committee and covered with weed suppressant and then will be available.

5) Treasurer's Report

KH ran through the finances for the past year. KH reminded attendees that the insurance cover held by the site is very basic and does not cover any personal items in plotholder sheds etc. KH suggested Shield for insurance in case plotholders were interested in taking out cover for their belongings.

6) Election of officers and volunteering for non-committee roles.

No interest received to SH email request for anyone interested in committee roles. Current committee members happy to continue in their roles for a further year. Phil Oliver also content to continue with voluntary role as Fire Warden for the site. Clare Roberts may be able to organise a social event for plotholders.

7) Proposed task list in lieu of work days

Over the past few years it's clear that one work day per year for larger projects seems to be working better than smaller, more frequent ones, which are not well attended.

Action: Committee to look at arranging work day for July.

If people should have spare time, there is a task list on the noticeboard should they wish to contribute to the upkeep of the site.

Periodic jobs such as scything (for those who have received training) is always appreciated. Periodically the scythes need to be sharpened

8) Social events and fundraising

Perhaps a social event could be organised to coincide with a work day, which would give plotholders an opportunity to meet more people at the site.

At present, no major projects in the pipeline to require fundraising.

9) Any other business

- Libby Oliver asked if the plotholder contact list in the shed could be updated. **Action: SH to check that all plotholders are happy to share details. CC to update list for distribution / display.**
- Julia suggested that any spare produce and/or plants could be left under the outdoor noticeboard, for people to help themselves to.
- Charles suggested that the communal raised beds be used for community projects, or for children's use. Sunflower competitions etc?
- Mention of a communal fire pit or perhaps moving the area which is currently used for fires, in order to make the area safer for those bringing vehicles to deliver woodchip etc to site. **Action: Committee to look into getting an incinerator for the site.**

SH thanked plotholders for their help at work days over the year, and for attending the AGM.

Meeting closed @ 15.30pm.