

## **MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2019 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Susan Pownall (in the Chair), Krys Gaffney, Sue Brophy, Nick Coster, Nicola Francis, Sue Johnson, Steve McDonnell and Tony Whittle.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Frank Lightfoot.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 2 July had been distributed to Committee members. There was no longer a problem with the strimmer and it was being used as normal.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**KG** had nothing to report.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**NF** had nothing to report.

#### **TRADING HUT MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SP** thanked **TW**, **SJ** and all those who had handled matters during her absence. Trading Hut takings for July amounted to £322.14. There is a list of what each product sold in the Trading Hut is used for; it was agreed that this should be published on the website and that paper copies would be made available for members to take away. **SP** requested that a new toilet seat be bought for the ladies' toilet.

#### **COMMUNITY PLOT UPDATE**

Approximately  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the plot had been cleared and dug over and a small seating area had been created on the south side of the plot; a birdfeeding station and raised beds had been added. Work would continue on the final  $\frac{1}{3}$  and the group would be seeking donations of plants from ploholders. A 'Boules and BBQ' event was under discussion for the August bank holiday. It was felt that progress was steady but that more vegetables needed to be added to the plot.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE**

**SM** reported that he was awaiting the new noticeboard. The next round of risk assessments was due before the next committee meeting, in advance of the Moorside show. A compost bin was obstructing the entrance to the gents' toilet; **SP** would speak to the ploholder and ask him to re-position it. The member on plot 18 would be asked to trim the brambles and hawthorn overhanging the path.

#### **WAITING LIST, LETTINGS AND INSPECTIONS**

**TW** reported that there were 32 people on the waiting list; no plots had been re-let during July. Several plots were causing concern and **SP** would write to the individual ploholders.

#### **MOORSIDE AND CITY COMPETITION RESULTS 2019**

Moorside had been placed in several categories in the city competition. **KG** apologised for not having informed **SP** of the internal Moorside winners. It was agreed that in future there would be a clear vote on the winners during the judging process.

## **MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION SHOW**

Preparations for the show were well in progress. There would be a cinema on **SM's** plot screening a film on 'Dig for Victory and 'Land Girls'. The screen would be left in position for a few weeks after the show to show **SM's** film on Moorside life. **SP** could provide a wind-up gramophone!

### **NAWG MATTERS/CITY SHOW**

The 11 July meeting had been cancelled. Show pamphlets were available in the Trading Hut and noticeboards.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- ♦ **NF** asked whether a swarm had been reported at Moorside since one had landed in her neighbour's chimney breast.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 3 September at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre. There will be a site inspection at 2.00 p.m.

**KG**

**31 August 2019**