

## MOORSIDE ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE NUNSMOOR CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Susan Pownall (in the Chair), Krys Gaffney, Sue Brophy, Sue Johnson, Frank Lightfoot, Steve McDonnell and Tony Whittle.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Nick Coster and Nicola Francis.

#### **ELECTION OF MOORSIDE COMMITTEE OFFICERS FOR 2019**

**SP** was elected and agreed to continue as Chairperson, **KG** as Secretary, **NF** was willing to continue as Treasurer (with the help of **SJ** and **SP**), **SP** as Trading Hut Manager and **TW** as Lettings Officer. All were elected by 6 votes; **NC** had indicated *in absentia* that he would be in favour of the election of the committee officers. The association's accounts had not been audited for two years and it was agreed that the audit should be re-introduced in future.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING** held on 8 January had been distributed to Committee members. The perimeter fence near plot 10 had been repaired but needed repairing again; the fence at the top corner was also damaged. The perimeter fence on plot 13 was also considered a weak point.

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

**KG** had received notification that the trees on Moorside would be inspected at 10.30 a.m. on 31 January; in the event, no-one turned up to carry out the inspection; **SP** would query this with the Allotments Officer.

#### **MINUTES OF 2019 AGM**

The meeting had been well attended. With a few minor amendments, the minutes were agreed as being a true record of the meeting.

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

**NF** was not present at the meeting.

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

The Trading Hut takings for January amounted to £323.60. Seed potatoes were selling well and trade from the sale of paraffin, manure and compost was steady.

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

**SM** reported that the leaning hut on plot 34 had been demolished! He would provide **SP** with the dimensions for a new noticeboard which would need to be lowered when re-hung.

#### **WAITING LIST AND LETTINGS**

There were 25 people on the waiting list. The tenant on plot 75 thought that the rent he had paid in 2018 also covered him for 2019; **SP** would write to advise him that he needed to pay the rent for 2019 and that he could not cut down any trees on his plot. The tenants on plots 9b and 63b would like full plots but would be advised that suitable plots were not currently available.

#### **2019 PLANT SCHEME PROPOSALS/PLAN**

**SJ** reported that the group was busy clearing and cutting back shrubbery on plot 86 which would then be covered with landscape fabric. The plan for 2019 was to grow some soft fruit and vegetables for sale; it was suggested that propagating soft fruit bushes in pots would be more cost-effective.

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### **NAWG MATTERS**

**SP** and **SJ** would be attending the next NAWG meeting on 7 February where they would meet the CEO of the Parks and Allotments Trust.

### **COMMUNITY PLOT UPDATE**

Rich Littlewood would like to meet with the committee to discuss the size of the proposed community plot; a number of members were interested in setting up the garden. The committee agreed that the group should be allowed to proceed with the project and that that they would be offered the entire cleared plot (64/65a). This would be on the condition that the group submits a detailed plan of their proposal, the area would have to be 75% cultivated and that the project's progress would be reviewed after one year.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- ♦ Lindsay Bramwell was interested in conducting a survey of children's diets; **SP** would post details on the website.
- ♦ **FL** would shortly be setting fire to the bonfire on plots 64/65a; he asked that no more weeds be added to the pile.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 5 March at 5.30 p.m. in the Nunsmoor Centre.**

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

**KG**

**3 March 2019.**