

BILLINGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of committee meeting that was held on 29th February 2016 at 7.00pm in the village hall Billinge.

Members please note contained below is the abridged version of the meetings minutes.

The meeting was opened by our chairman John Holt, present at the meeting were:

William Reeves, Tom Hodgson, Steve Owen, Dean Buckley, Ken Forber, Duncan Chesworth and Cllr Dennis Mc Donnell. Brian Heaton apologised in advance and would be arriving late.

Also two members Richard Steele and Peter Mitchell apologised, could not attend.

Minutes of last meeting

Owing to long schedule ahead the committee agreed that the minutes would be taken 'as read' and were duly signed off (Ken Forber & Steve Owen).

Meeting with Eddleston Trust

Secretary and Cllr Dennis Mc Donnell attended meeting with Mr Graham Bartlett. (G.B.) Meeting outlined and both attendees agreed the meeting went well, all parties agreed that our site does have a land drainage problem. Secretary gave G.B. a quotation for consideration, prepared for secretary by a land drain consultant. G.B. will present this to the Trust when they next meet.

Rent, annual fees discussed, this year no change, too late. Toilet block facility and disabled access discussed, this requires ongoing dialogue. Treasurer has been asked to contact existing members with this year's fees.

BHS Insurance policy

Chairman sent off application form and fee £170.00 total.

Membership covers 1st Feb 2016 to 31st Jan 2017.

Disabled groups

Secretary and Cllr Dennis have spoken to the groups, suggesting working together to move project forward. Secretary informed 'Safe Hands Group' our Society will do all it can to help them achieve a safe working environment for their members. ONGOING.

Main gate keys required, secretary will chase up again.

Plot Moves

Secretary confirmed existing member plot 36 has moved to plot 23 as per our internal move scheme.

Maintaining community plot, now quite untidy discussed. ONGOING.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer discussed and copies presented.

Allotments Courses at College.

Member outlined a current scheme taking place at a local college. Fee £45.00 per person. Member will investigate. ONGOING. Also suggested a coffee morning and seed swap day. ONGOING.

Council Compost Site

Chairman still investigating, we can trial a quantity on our community plot to evaluate. ONGOING.

Notice Board

Committee discussed the structure of future notices placed on our board.

Secretary emphasised our need to encourage and promote all members to join the committee, members will again encourage visits and joining in.

The committee welcome all members to attend and get involved in our meetings.

Correspondence

Twenty items, general running, moves, AGM dates and times all outlined by secretary.

A.O.B.

Soon we will be starting the infamous Garden Inspections, a new season, a new team.

The committee all agreed we do not want members paying fees and then falling foul of our inspection procedures. Members reporting health problems to the secretary had their season put on hold. The secretary will contact these members for an update.

Secretary reported that after a long wait, we are within touching distance of getting our minutes onto the council web site. All the committee agreed to an abridged version being published.

Next Meeting Monday 21st March 2016 (now moved to 22nd).

William Reeves
Secretary