

BILLINGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of committee meeting that was held on 22nd March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Public Hall, Billinge.

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

The meeting was chaired by Richard Steele. Also present at the meeting were:
William Reeves, Tom Hodgson, Brian Heaton, Dean Buckley, Ken Forber, Peter Mitchell,
Duncan Chesworth
Guest visitor: Sue Chesworth

Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting 29th January 2016 tabled.

Eddleston Trust Letter

Secretary tabled the above inviting our Society to join a discussion forum with all interested groups using the Eddleston Fields facility. Members agreed we should be represented at any future meeting. Secretary will write and confirm our interest.

BHS Insurance Policy

Secretary confirmed cheque sent and we now await confirmation.

Disabled Groups Plot Upkeep

Secretary asked 'What can the Society do to keep the plots tidy in the interim period prior to building and occupation by the groups'.

Suggestions: contacting our Council to ask if they would cut the grass. Members KF and PM pointed out that our main access path down from the car park is starting to deteriorate, Secretary will contact the people responsible. Ongoing.

Community Plot discussed no decision- ongoing.

Plot Vacancies and Waiting List

Secretary: plots 36 and 32 currently available. Contacted potential members from our waiting list. The first two on the list now do not want to take up the offer.

The next four names were read out for approval and accepted. With the AGM almost upon us the vacant plot situation remains fluid.

Our Treasurer will ask for rents and fees and ask members to at least confirm their intention to renew.

Members discussed the option of splitting up the newly vacated plot 4.

Secretary will ask all existing members if they want a plot move first as per our rules and if no one comes forward then the plot will be split into two and again these two will be offered internally first before going to the waiting list.

Renewing membership and changing registration details, secretary will confirm details of method.

Drainage Schemes

Dave the Dig submitted a quotation and scheme for internal, central path drain, to be built by members. KF does not want Dave to do this task alone it should be done with a members work party, all agreed, with proviso that it ties in with any scheme the Trust undertake.

Secretary pointed out the Trust meeting soon and hopefully we may get an answer regarding their help.

AGM Procedure Discussed

Programme of events discussed, list sent to all members ASAP to enable nomination to committee to be placed. Any correspondence must be sent to secretary.

A strict running order, we can try, and committee nominations must have a proposer and seconder, and in one week prior to AGM.

Treasurer asked Secretary to take the annual financial report to Tom Kelly for interim approval, just to check over.

Allotment Courses

Outline of college courses tabled by Dean Buckley. Dean will post details on notice board for members' information.

Correspondence

Various items - sixteen in total read briefly by secretary.

AOB

Toilet facility discussed - we need more solution to top up. PM kindly offered to obtain some and if necessary Secretary will contact our Lavatory Engineer.

Hedgerow planting discussed briefly- Ongoing.

Next meeting date after AGM, no date arranged.

William Reeves
Secretary