

BILLINGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2016 @ 7.00pm in the Public Hall, Billinge.

Present at the meeting were:

William Reeves, Brian Heaton, Dean Buckley, Duncan Chesworth, Sue Chesworth, Ken Forber

Apologies were received from Sue Chesworth, Tom Hodgson, Dennis McDonnell, Peter Mitchell, Lorna Mitchell

Minutes of last meeting

Due to long schedule, the minutes were taken as read.

Site Risk Assessment

Secretary tabled. Copies given to members to take away read and discuss at next meeting.

Members Renewals Update

Due to Treasurer's absence, the Secretary postponed the financial report, including who has paid, until next meeting.

New memberships were read out.

Plot 34 & 36 were discussed, both in need of work, both in a bad state. Need work before letting out. Ken Forber proposed October as target to have both plots in some kind of order. All agreed.

Member Peter Alcock applied for vacant number 4 plot, as per plot move rule. Unanimously accepted. The Secretary will inform Peter. Plot 2 and other vacant plots also discussed and ongoing.

Disabled Plots Upkeep / Grass Cutting

Secretary thanked Dave the Dig on behalf of all members for cutting the grass on both plots. Both unused plots caused concern over upkeep. As part of general discussion, the toilet facility was discussed and pathway deterioration. Secretary will contact appropriate bodies regarding path repair. Ongoing.

Border Control

Member Gordon Rigby requested that we organise a weed kill along the internal pathways inside our compound. Brian Heaton tasked to do this, Society to fund materials £20.00. All agreed. Completed before next meeting.

Community Plot

Secretary asked Ken Forber for update: Compost bins built and up and running, Ken pointed out that some members are not using facility as intended. Plastic and other rubbish has been thrown on. All agreed to monitor situation before putting out a notice to members. Secretary thanked Ken on behalf of members for building the structure.

New Equipment

Again discussed costs, mowers strimmer etc. Equipment required to maintain disabled groups plots. No decision, ongoing. Major hurdle is no secure storage facility as yet.

Key Saga

At long last the Secretary has been informed that a quantity of Road Gate Keys will soon be available. Society will purchase from Tom Kelly who has finally managed to obtain them. Secretary thanked Tom for all his efforts.

Standpipe Quotation

Brian Heaton has not finalised quote, ongoing.

Ken Forber noted members with sheds not connected to water butts, water butts not being used. Verbal instructions to members when seen.

Facebook Update

Garden Inspections

Read to committee members. Inspection carried out on Sunday 5th June 2016.

Correspondence

Secretary outlined from 4th May to 5th June 2016. Nothing for committee to action.

A.O.B.

Members piling soil close to fence may enable intruders to gain an easy escape out. Committee to monitor as the soil heap may be a temporary thing. Ongoing.

Next Meeting

5th July 2016, secretary will confirm this.

William Reeves

Secretary