

## **BILLINGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Minutes of committee meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2016 @ 7.00pm in the Public Hall, Billinge.**

Present at the meeting were:

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William Reeves, Duncan Chesworth, Brian Heaton, Dean Buckley, Ken Forber, Peter Mitchell, Cllr Dennis Mc Donnell.

### **Minutes**

Tabled and members agreed to take them as read signed off by Ken Forber and Duncan Chesworth.

### **Opening Day Summary**

All committee agreed a big thank you to Lorna and Peter for a magnificent effort with the opening. Peter described the day as a big disappointment on turn out but appalling weather did not help. Good weather for next time.

### **Drainage Start**

Secretary outlined Eddleston Trust contractors work so far, after speaking to contractor more work proposed, across pathway. KF outlined work to date. Nothing back from Trust after water leak reported. Trust to clear another area on car park, not drain related. Ongoing.

### **Schools Yes or No**

BH reported no progress, questioned use of car tyres for raised beds, committee, no tyres, fire hazard. More questions need asking of school representatives. BH will pursue. PTA want the plot for after-school activities, not an official school request. Finances outlined, various issues shed share with schools etc. Fencing is a must as it's in our risk assessment. Ongoing.

### **Repair Work Weeds on Path**

Chairman not got quote for a wire wrapping tool to repair damaged fence top, not finalised yet, all agreed not to pursue, suggest Sec report damage to Trust. Ongoing.

### **Weeds On Path**

Brian Heaton, still outstanding, not done due to poor conditions. Ongoing.

## **Grant Chaser**

Sec reported email from member Richard Steele suggesting a way into a grant for an eco toilet. Secretary has contacted Caroline Platt our grant expert. Ongoing.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Tabled and read, planned modification to general rates for members.

Sec pointed out any changes made now must be sent out immediately to give members enough notice. D.C. did calculations and the following was agreed.

Large plot £95.00

Small plot £45.00

The above brings the rent per square metre for all members into line which is seen by all as a fair solution. Sec will inform all members immediately.

## **Review of Audited Accounts**

Sec tabled the above, each member read over and discussed. Vote of acceptance:  
MEMBERS ALL AGREED.

D.Mc D requested three copies of accounts be released via Tom Kelly to three interested parties, in the never ending pursuit of clarity the sec will give Tom the go ahead, it's a pleasure!

The position of new treasurer discussed, members need to think about the offer, decision next meeting, sec will continue in temporary role. Ongoing.

List outlined and all on list are within the boundaries. One existing member was signed up before the committee was formed. All other members are within boundaries.

## **Garden Inspections**

Inspectors read out latest reports.

Following reports and as agreed by committee, letters will be sent out by secretary. Sec read out request by a member on whether we need inspections, all committee unanimously agreed yes they will continue. Ongoing.

## **Waiting List**

Secretary gave details of names on list and people contacted. Currently list is now empty. All plots empty offered internally to members before being offered out to the waiting list. Ongoing.

**Correspondence**

Read out by secretary. (Fifteen items)

**Matters Arising**

This time all above answered, dealt with by sec.

**A.O.B.**

KF reports pathway needs repair, council informed via John Boden, sec contacted, will chase up.

**Ongoing.**

Code of conduct for all members, new members especially, all committee agreed to publish this advisory notice. Accounts published to be placed on notice board.

**Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday 22nd November 2016@ 7.00pm. Secretary will confirm.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

**William Reeves**  
**Secretary**