

**Minutes of meeting
held at the Lamperd's Field Store Room
On Monday 11th September 2017 at 7 pm
Chaired by Amanda Bibby**

Present: Amanda Bibby- Chair, Andy Dickinson – Treasurer, Ann Edwards – Social Secretary/Minute Taker, Ian Ricketts – Seed Secretary, Diane Mawer – Plot Allocator, Ken Pearce – Plot Allocator, Norman Moors – Estate Manager, Dave Buchan – Committee Member/Upkeep of allotments. Apologies for absence: Pat Richardson.

1. The minutes of meetings held on 14th and 30th August were read, approved and signed.
2. This meeting concentrated on the forthcoming A.G.M. on Friday 29th September 2017.
3. Preparation for the A.G.M.

Following on from the previous extra-ordinary meeting, the Chairman confirmed that the Committee are offering a 6pm meeting with them for plot holders at Elizabeth Road to see if there are concerns which we can support. Bills can still be paid from 6pm and the full AGM will commence at 7pm. Ann will supply refreshments. Letters had been sent to Elizabeth Road plot holders confirming this special time of 6 pm, set aside for them. Subsequently, the town Council was approached to confirm the sending of these letters, and they confirm they have done this on 31st August. They also confirmed that Norman had been sent one.

The town Council also confirmed that Cllr Lindsay and Cllr Galpin, the representatives for the allotments are able to attend.

It was agreed that the following Committee Members would have just a few minutes, similar to last year, to give a swift precis of their achievements between 2016 and 2017, as follows:

Amanda Bibby - Chairman
Andy Dickinson – Treasurer
Ann Edwards – Social Sec./Minute Taker
Diane Mawer & Ken Pearce – Plot Allocation
Ian Ricketts – Seed Secretary and Competitions
Norman Moors – He asked Amanda to talk on Elizabeth Road for him.
Pat Richardson – Webmaster
Dave Buchan – Committee Member/Upkeep of allotments

Cllr Lindsay and Cllr Galpin – Available for questions – Agenda slot needed.

(Ann said that she would be very grateful if each Committee member could supply her with a hard copy of their talk (via email will do), so that when she comes to do the minutes, life is made a lot easier for her and hopefully will result in more accurate reporting.)

4. Nominations for the positions of Chairman and Treasurer.

It was confirmed that Amanda and Andy are standing down as Chairman and Treasurer. The Committee accepted one nomination form completed correctly. Another for the Treasurer's position had been submitted, but was incomplete. So far, there has not been a nomination received for the Chairman's post.

The Chairman confirmed that she and the Treasurer, as their last task, would preside over the A.G.M. and stand down afterwards.

All current committee members are willing to be re-elected. A group nomination (as last year) was proposed as follows.

Ann Edwards – Social Sec./Minute taker

Diane Mawer – Plot Allocator

Ken Pearce – Plot Allocator

Ian Ricketts – Seed Secretary and competitions

Norman Moors – Overseer Elizabeth road and site management with support of Ian Ricketts and Dave Buchan

Pat Richardson – Webmaster

Dave Buchan – Upkeep of allotments

5. Proposed Use of the Corn Exchange

Amanda read out a letter from the Town Council inviting us to comment on the refurbishment of the Corn Exchange. It was agreed to reply that, as we only use the Corn Exchange once a year for our Annual General Meeting, facilities up to now have proved to be fine for us.

6. Meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

7. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

(a) **Friday 29th September - A.G.M. in the Corn Exchange Blandford.**

6pm Elizabeth Road - specific meeting with the Committee

6pm onwards - Payment of bills

6 pm onwards - Refreshments provided

7pm sharp - AGM Meeting starts

(b) **Next Coffee Morning – Saturday 7th October at 11 am – Lamperd's Field**

(c) **Next Committee Meeting - Tuesday 10th October at 7 pm in the Allotment Shed/Store Room.**

(Ann Edwards. 13/9/17)