

Blandford Allotment Society
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**Minutes of meeting held at the Lamperd's Field Store Room
On Wednesday 19th October 2016 at 7 pm.**

Chaired by Amanda Bibby

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

Apologies for absence: Dave McGaw – Committee Member

1. The meeting was opened at 7 pm by Amanda. The minutes of 17th August were agreed and signed. Amanda expressed her thanks to the Committee for the AGM atmosphere, which was much more positive this year. Feedback to her had said that people were grateful to the team effort of the Committee in 2016.
2. Update on plot register. The main purpose of the meeting was for all committee members to discuss the massive task of bringing up to date the names and details of plot holders, and to match these with the correctly numbered allotments. This has proved a difficult and arduous task, taking up many hours of Amanda, Andy, Diane and Ken's time. Andy had received monies in rents, and had made out a spreadsheet which highlighted discrepancies. Several phone calls were made chasing non-payment of rents. Each had a positive result. Plot holders have 40 days from 29 September to pay their rent. After that, they will lose their plot.

The general discussion and comparing of notes resulted in coming a long way to achieving the goal of having correct information regarding holders and plots. Plot holders had filled in forms and returned them. These were handed over to Ann for collating, putting on the computer and circulating to committee members, and for using in the future for informing of social events.

3. Updates

Treasurer: Andy Dickinson. Andy reported that the current balance was £3,485 credit and that bills will be paid from this very soon. Roughly £50 had been paid out since the last meeting. The accounts are healthy.

Estate Manager: Norman Morris. Norman had nothing to report.

Social Secretary: Ann Edwards. It was agreed to have a Christmas mulled wine and Christmas nibbles coffee morning on Saturday 10th December. Ann to produce 3 posters, one for the inside board, one for the glassed board outside, and one for the board outside the gate. She will email all those who had submitted addresses, inviting them. She will also forward a poster for Pat to put on the website. Amanda to supply and be in charge of "cooking" mulled wine, supply of hot ring, glasses, and wine. Regarding the food - mince pies, sausage rolls, cheese sausage rolls, Christmas log etc. – Ann and Mrs Ricketts will supply some mince pies and sausage rolls, but perhaps someone can supply nibbles or little Christmas cakes - feel free ! There will be coffee and tea as well. Ann will supply coffee and tea sugar and milk, as usual and layout tables.

Webmaster: Pat Richardson – www.blandfordallotments.com Pat reported that the website is up to date, and asks for photos from committee members please.

Community Action Day Leader/Plot Allocator: Diane Mawer

Diane had worked closely with Ken Pearce, spending many hours walking around the allotments to clarify the plan. She and Ken contributed greatly to the discussion, detailed in 2.above.

Seed Secretary: Ian Ricketts – Ian reported that orders from Kings were in from allotment holders.

Upkeep of allotments: Dave Buchan – Dave had nothing to report.

4. The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.
5. **Date of next Committee meeting is Saturday December 10th at 10 a.m., before the Christmas Gathering at 11 a.m.**