



Minutes of Henley Allotments' Association Committee Meeting 1st April 2019

Present: David Chilvers, Doug Richards, Lewis Every, Peter Anderson, Sharon Oldham, Tony Robinson

1. Apologies for Absence: Barry Tindall
2. Minutes of the last meeting: passed as correct
3. Matters arising from previous minutes: attached sheet
4. Treasurer's report:
 - NASLG refund received - £525
 - Our share of donations received at seed swap - £37.50
 - Employer's Liability insurance notice to be placed on noticeboards
 - Asked whether a more robust mower was required at Watermans, Tony said what we have at the moment is OK
5. Secretary's report:
 - Allotment charges - HTC proposed increase in charges for 2020/21 and 2021/22 (below) discussed and approved. One year's notice will be given in invoices sent in October. Prices will once again be held for a two year period
 - Outline of Sharon's discussions with Councillor Sara Abey on the renovation project at Watermans
6. Watermans:
 - No vacancies; waiting list of four
 - Composting: need to stop plot holders taking compostable material to the top corner (every plot should have a compost bin) and restrict the top area for burning non-compostable materials
 - More manure to be delivered to both sites
 - Straw bales to be delivered to both sites
 - Sharon to arrange delivery of bark shavings to both sites
7. Greencroft:
 - Three five pole plots vacant; seven have been taken in the last month
 - Vacant plots all covered with membrane
 - The coppice has been trimmed and cleared, including the brambles
 - Pea sticks are available
 - A "Give and Take" table (donated by David Cook) is up and running
 - The hedge and trees on the cricket side have been trimmed and cut back; David Cook advised Mr & Mrs Laing agreed to trim the overhanging sycamore when they trimmed their willows; Sharon sent a note of thanks to the Laings

- The Laing's laurel tree needs cutting back - Sharon to ask Becky to contact them
- No dog exercising and one way/no entry signs have been put up
- David Cook has put new noticeboards in place
- Work party on 31st March cleared the rest of the horse manure
- Lewis away for four weeks from 12th April

8. Website & Publicity: none

9. Social Events:

- Plant Sale: Dave McEwan has suggested we send out sowing dates with note to plot holders to plant some extras for the sale
- Henley House And Garden Show - 2nd-3rd March - after discussion with Dave McEwan, we (HAA and HiT) declined to participate. Poster provided.
- Seed Swap - really well attended; £150 in donations split between HAA, HiT, HiB and Heritage Seed Library who provided seeds
- We were approached by McCarthy and Stone to participate in their Friendship Friday, and Eat! Food Festival Henley - subsequently cancelled

10. Watermans Renovation Plan:

- Significant work done on the trial plot, on the basis of which Tony proposed a procedure for restoring a non-compliant plot to an acceptable standard
- A mailing inviting plot holders to help themselves to anything useful on the trial plot to be sent 14th April' remainder will be disposed of
- A padlock is required for the pedestrian gate
- Top corner of the site needs clearing and deer fence repairing

11. AOB:

- Discussion regarding a proposal by David Cook for the HAA's development and management; committee agreed that it was not appropriate; Lewis had spoken with David

12. Date of next meeting: Monday 13th May