

**Minutes of Henley Allotments’ Association Committee Meeting**

**9th September 2019**

Present: Barry Tindall, Doug Richards, Lewis Every, Mandy Taylor, Peter Anderson, Sharon Oldham

1. Apologies for Absence: David Chilvers, Tony Robinson

2. Minutes of the last meeting: passed as correct

3. Matters arising from previous minutes: attached sheet

4. Treasurer's report: none

5. Secretary's report:

* Round-up of meeting with HTC (covered in matters arising)
* Letter forwarded by HTC from resident of the Coach House asking for permission to put building spoil on the Greencroft car park for a few days in the autumn. No objections from committee.
* HTC forwarded an email from a Councillor who has been approached by a Watermans' plot holder with concerns relating to Montessori wanting to install a gate into the spinney. The Council would not be in favour, but will respect HAA's decisions on this. Committee agreed it would be discussed at the AGM if the issue was submitted as an AOB
* Still working on ensuring the database is up to date with email addresses so invoices and AGM information can be emailed. Over 50 phone calls made; currently only four people without email addresses.

6. Greencroft:

* Six plots are vacant; mostly cleared/covered
* Best newcomer and best plot decided

7. Watermans/Renovation:

* Three five pole and three starter plots are free; realignment as part of renovation will create more
* Thanks to Jim and Mel Mason for clearing the site entrance
* David has paid the volunteers for petrol and strimmer repair
* Doug is looking forward to Tony taking over and supporting him

8. Website & Publicity: none

9. AGM:

* In the absence of a Chairman, decision to present a committee report - all to send ideas for content to Sharon
* Watermans renovation to be covered in committee report
* apart from Lewis, all are happy to stand again. Tony is stepping in to Doug's role; Doug remains a Waterman's rep.
* Site Managers to collect silverware
* Council Chamber booked; Sharon to organise sign-in page; Doug organising refreshments

10. AOB:

* Planting bluebell bulbs along Reading Road to complement snowdrops planted last year
* Christmas Dinner - guests? Invite Becky

12. Date of next meeting: 14th October