

Henley on Thames Allotments Association.

Meeting at the Council Chamber of Henley Town Hall on 25th September 2017

Prior to the meeting, 7 of the committee collated all the AGM papers and council invoices for the next year's rent, to be delivered and sent out to the plot holders. The vast majority were delivered by hand. Many thanks to all those who helped - including non-plot holders. (Thank you Edward and perhaps others)

This task took 2 hours and the committee meeting started at 19.45 hours.

Attending..Doug Richards, Mandy Taylor, Lewis Every, Pete Anderson, Dave McEwen, Anne Sandars

1. Apologies.... Dave C, Laura Dance.
2. **Automatic Gate and Security Cameras at Watermans**

The AA presented the case to the Town Council for improved security at Watermans (vandalism, theft, fly-tipping and personal security - particularly for women working alone at the site). A rough estimate was obtained and the council have provisionally allocated £5000 for this project in next year's budget. A further detailed report is now being prepared.

3. HEALTH and SAFETY

Further inspections to be carried out by site managers DR and LE. Particular focus on identifying any water tanks or other open water areas that are potentially a hazard for young children. DMc to write a H&S report for the council.

The poplar trees have dropped more branches (at Greencroft) near MT's plot. The trees are the responsibility of the Cricket Club who organise inspections every 18 months. DM to ask that the AA be invited to the next inspection because of concern about the 3 oldest trees.

4. PLOT HOLDERS EMAIL ADDRESSES.....DMcE will ask Laura and Dave C for a list of emails that are 'bouncing' as the Town Hall are not likely to be able to pursue this because of staffing issues.

5. HIB and AA ANNUAL AWARDS for BEST PLOt etc 8th November, Town Hall, 7 for 7.30pm

6. AGM..30th October 2017 , 6.30 pm for 7 pm at the Town Hall.

All AGM papers collated and to be delivered and sent this coming week.

- Officers ...Laura Dance has agreed to become the Secretary, in the light of Marisa's ill health.
- Anne S will give a run down of what events will be on offer for 2018.
- It was suggested by DMcE that instead of doing Gardeners Question Time, that we do "Plan your allotment for the year" cum social evening, with various knowledgeable plot owners available to help those who have recently taken on a plot. February?

- AS will be at the door to obtain emails and phone numbers, as plot owners come in.
- Dave C to give out seed catalogues and collect the order forms and money.
- Last day to order is the 7th November.....

7. CHRISTMAS SUPPER at Christ Church Centre, 14th December 2017 ,7pm for 7.30 pm

Bring your own wine.

AS to ask Pete Herbert to do the tickets and to sell them at the AGM£20

8. WEB SITE.....Mandy was welcomed into the committee.

>> She mentioned that there was a need for more information and recommendations on how to grow plants well to produce the essential vegetables.

>> Pete A will write up his Almanack for the first few months of the year, so that new plot holders can see what they need to do...

>>Photos , with successful plants would be a boost and perhaps some receipes when there is a glut of vegetables.

>> Chat Group.... It is set up, but Mandy says that there is no information on it at all.

However she will email Sarah to see what can be done.

>> Perhaps a list of knowledgeable members might be put on the site to help others.

The meeting finished at 21.00 hours.

NEXT MEETINGS..... 30th October AGM...6.30 for 7 pm...

6th November, next committee meeting. 84 Makins Road, at
Doug's, 7.30 pm

AS & DM

2nd October 2017