

# **Baildon Horticultural Society**

## **Minutes of Zoom Meeting 14 June 2021**

### **TAKING PART**

John Turner JT (Chair)  
Louise Mallinson LM  
Robin Weedon RW  
Sue Wheatley SW  
Ian Helyar IH  
Dawn Tinsley DT  
Richard Nottidge RN  
Peter Linley PL  
Charlotte Martin CM  
Eric Waterworth EW

**1. Apologies** – Mike Webster MW, Claire Waterworth CW,

**2. Chairs opening remarks** – JT asked if anyone had heard the announcement about the Covid restrictions. The Committee advised him that release from the remaining restrictions had been moved back to the 19 July. JT mused that this would probably affect the away day and IH agreed that he would check with the golf club. (**Action – IH**). JT advised that JC had partly cut the hedge along the roadside but that this was the responsibility of the Town Council. Unfortunately, work had been delayed but was being scheduled.

### **3.Actions from previous Zoom Meetings:**

- New website – JT congratulated RW on the new website.
- Charlestown Door Repair – Steve has actioned this.
- Let tenants know how to turn water off (**Action for winter**)
- Review Insurance – IH advised that he had been in discussion with the Insurance Broker. He had some issues with the policy documents but the broker had not responded to his queries. He had therefore confirmed his understanding of the documentation. The Insurance does not cover members equipment in their sheds only their personal effects. He is happy to look at our Insurance when it is next up for renewal.
- Away Day - date had been agreed.
- Complaint about spraying lane to smallholder plots – JT has spoken to the tenant, who thought that he'd been doing the Committee a service.
- New tap for smallholders – JT has advised the smallholders concerned that agreement has been given to this. However, they have not carried out the required digging work.

### **4. Members' Issues**

A tenant at Charlestown has expressed concern that no one else can use the taps whilst a hosepipe is connected. He suggested installing a double tap. JT advised that this had been an issue elsewhere. SW commented that there were other areas on the allotments where this was a problem. It was agreed to allow the tenant to carry out the work as a pilot. LM commented that there was no need to consider double taps at Thompson Lane.

### **5. Reports**

- Allotment Officers:

Charlestown – CM reported that there were 17 on the waiting list and no vacancies but that a letter had been sent to one tenant about the condition of his plot.

Thompson Lane - LM reported that there were 18 on the waiting list. Alan Terry (AT) had agreed to help MW as an Allotment Officer. JT noted that as he wasn't on the Committee his

title would need to be Assistant Allotment Officer. LM advised that the container had been removed and that quotes were being sought to concrete the area where it was and also the area where the manure is stored. (**Action – EW**). The possibility of a communal greenhouse to be considered. A working party including, EW, JT and either MW/ET was set up to report back to the main Committee. (**Action, JT, EW, MW/AT**)

- Treasurer – JT reported that there was £8,757 in the current account but that rent of around £1000 was due to the Town Council and that as before, there was £8,169 in reserves.
- Secretary – SW advised that she had nothing to report. JT noted that the subscriptions hadn't been renewed for the various societies and asked SW to deal with it. SW advised that previously this had been the responsibility of the Treasurer and that there was nothing in the files that she had been given by the previous Secretary. She however agreed to liaise with DT to see which Societies we needed to be members of. (**Action – SW**).
- Health and Safety – IH had no issues to report. However, the Committee was advised that more asbestos had been found at Thompson Lane. JT wondered whether there should be another amnesty. IH advised that he would look round both sites (with CM and MW/AT) (**Action – IH**). SW mentioned that she'd forgotten to show IH the photograph that she had taken of the dilapidated greenhouse that she'd seen at Thompson Lane but would do so (**Action -SW**).
- Show Secretary – DT advised that all of the sponsors were in and that she was just waiting for the Town Council. RW had sorted the Schedule. She needed to ask for volunteers. The guest speaker still needs to be agreed.

## **6. Projects :**

### **Telephone Boxes**

RW has progressed. RW needs to source a water butt and planting.

### **Electricity for huts**

JT reported that he was still waiting to hear from Bradford Council about the grant application. He wondered whether we would be able to do most of the fitting ourselves like at Thompson Lane.

### **Community/Communal Plot.**

IH reported that the Community Plot was now fully occupied. The area for flowers had not yet been planted up because of the presence of bindweed. IH and SW expressed concern that the tenants were not keeping on top of the plots but that it was early days.

## **7. BHS Clothing**

Agreed to source tabards for Show (**Action – DT**). CM suggested that we get samples of other possible items of clothing and do some photos to elicit interest. (**Action – RW**)

## **8. Complaint about Cockerels**

JT referred to the e-mail that had been received and his reply. A couple of tenants had already destroyed their cockerels in case the problem was coming from them. Discussions to be held with other smallholder tenants. (**Action JT and CM**). RN noted that the new cameras would be able to record sound.

## **9. Away Day**

JT advised that he had asked for this to be circulated to allow the Committee to consider ahead of the away day.

**17. AOB**

None

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

12 July. Due to the delay to the easing of lockdown it will be a zoom meeting with s start time of 7:00.