

Baildon Horticultural Society

Minutes of Meeting dated 13 September 2021 held at Baildon Golf Club

PRESENT - John Turner (JT), Dawn Tinsley (DT), Charlotte Martin (CM), Louise Mallinson (LM), Robin Weedon (RW)

1. Apologies – Mike Webster (MW), Richard Nottidge (RN), Ian Helyar (IH), Sue Wheatley SW, Peter Linley (PL)

2. Chairs opening remarks

JT announced the resignation of CW and EW from the Committee.

3. Actions from previous Meeting:

- **Shrub at the Charlestown Entrance** – JT has now dealt with this.
- **Let Tentants know how to Turn Water Back On** – Jan Studinski has offered to set up a working group and JT will ask him to bring a proposal to the next meeting **Action JT**
- **Society Membership (SW)** – defer till next meeting.
- **Community Plot Probationary Agreement (IH)** - defer till next meeting
- **Invertor Price and Loan of Power Tools** – see Item 6.
- **Building at Thompson Lane – Quotes for Base** – see Item 8
- **Gate Opening at Charlestown Survey** – (JT/DT) – discussion took place about the different plot holders' views on this subject. The winter closing of the gate to be discussed again at the next meeting.
- **Contact Sarah Oddy re Accounts** - Completed (JT).

4. MEMBERS ISSUES – none.

5. REPORTS

Allotment Officers Reports

Charlestown – CM reported that there are 20 on the waiting list and 4 on the smallholder list. There was an ongoing problem with rats which appear to be coming across from Shipley Paints and making their way to compost heaps. Agreed to encourage plot holders to turn their compost heaps over to deter them and carry on using traps.

Thompson Lane – LM reported there are 20 on the waiting list. One plot holder was continuing to neglect his plot so LM to ask SW to send a final improvement letter. **Action LM.**

Discussed the timescale allowed after sending out improvement letters and if it should be reduced to two weeks rather than 4 weeks. JT suggested that the allotment officers have a separate meeting to discuss this. **Action LM to arrange.**

6. PROJECTS

Invertor Price and Loan of Power Tools – DT explained that Steve Shaw had kindly donated and fitted a spare Invertor which was worth £250 so was a big saving for the Society. The committee agreed that a small donation of thanks would be given to SS for this service. DT to ask him if he would provide one for Thompson Lane as well if possible. **Action DT**

Telephone Boxes – RW had completed the telephone box at The Junction and done the planting and it was looking very attractive. He had only spent £450 of the budget and would have some money left over for other seasonal ideas, eg a Christmas tree inside it. He was about to start the one at Station Road and thought it would make a nice mini greenhouse. A vote of thanks was given for all the hard work done by RW.

Electricity – dealt with.

7. Community Plot - DT reported that there was a lot a mare's tail on the community plots. Paul Sharkey from Plot 77 would like to move to the community plot.

This would leave Plot 77 next to the railway which at the moment is covered with bindweed, mare's tail, etc and will need a lot of work. Agreed that it will be offered to the first person on the waiting list who is prepared to take it on. **Action CM to contact people**

8. Building at Thompson Lane

LM reported that MW and AT had offered to do the concrete base themselves and will start this as soon as possible. Agreed to fund this as long as it falls within the £2,000 agreed budget. RW said that he had recently ordered some ready mixed concrete and it was only £200 for a cubic ton.

Action MW/AT

9. Feedback from Show

The show had been very successful and there had been some good feedback from all quarters. DT reported that at the last show there had been 82 exhibitors and there had been 74 this year. At the last show there were 593 entries and 599 this year. In 2018 the café took £195. This year it had taken £121 plus ????? for the cake stall. RH suggested opening to the public half an hour or so earlier so people had time to visit the stalls while the judging was still going on. DW and team were thanked for all their hard work in organising a very successful show.

(Dawn – I forgot to pick up your notes with the figures for the show)

Allotment Competition – One or two people had been surprised about the results of the allotment competition. DT explained that different judges are chosen every year and they had to be non plot holders and follow an agreed criteria. It was felt it would be a good idea for them to list the reasons for choosing the winning plots in future and also that if you've won it one year you can't win it again.

10. Committee Posts for 2022 – (JT). There is now a vacancy for a Treasurer. JT had spoken to Wynn Parry - a previous Treasurer - and he had offered to take on the post on a temporary basis to help out. WP would be happy to do the monthly accounts but not attend the meetings. In the meantime JT will continue to do the on-line banking, Clive Hall will continue to bank the shop takings and Sarah Oddy will do the accounts on a six-monthly contract from 26 August – 1 December 2021 which will take us to the end of year accounts and the AGM.

JT discussed having designated committee posts, eg an Educational Post and a Social Secretary post and also an Assistant Treasurer post. DT reported that Ruth Jones – a member – had done

the spreadsheets at the show and may be interested. Also Pam Scarborough who had helped in the kitchen. **Action – DT to contact members who may be interested.**

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Monday 11 October 2021 **7.00pm** Baildon Golf Club.