

## **Baildon Horticultural Society**

Minutes of Meeting on 10 October 2021 held at Baildon Golf Club

**PRESENT** - John Turner (JT), Dawn Tinsley (DT), Charlotte Martin (CM), Louise Mallinson (LM), Robin Weedon (RW), Peter Linley (PL), Sue Wheatley (SW), Ian Helyar (IH)

**1. Apologies** – Mike Webster (MW), Richard Nottidge (RN)

**2. Chairs opening remarks**

JT advised that he had to leave early to attend a Town Council meeting to discuss the war memorial. He also asked the Committee to vote on whether to co-opt Susan Keane to the Committee. A vote was held and the decision to co-opt Susan Keane was unanimous.

**3. Actions from previous Meeting:**

- **Let Tenants know how to Turn Water Back On** – Some plot holders would like to have access to water in the winter. Jan Studinski offered to set up a working group and DT will remind him to bring a proposal to the next meeting (**Action DT**)
- **Society Membership** – defer till next meeting. (**Action SW**)
- **Invertor Price and Loan of Power Tools** – Unfortunately the free invertor that was provided by a member is not powerful enough to charge tools. Deferred to next meeting so that quotes can be sought (**Action JT**)
- **Building at Thompson Lane** – work progressing (**Action MW, Alan**)
- **Winter gate opening Charlestown**– Unfortunately the gate is being left open at Charlestown when there are no cars in the car park. The Committee resolved that once the clocks go back at the end of October/beginning of November then the gate should be closed at all times. (**Action DT??**)
- **Tenant at Thompson Lane has been served with a notice to quit.** He has not responded to any of the correspondence that the Committee has sent. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that he be sent a letter to remind him to remove all of the items from his shed by the 40 day deadline. (**Action SW**)
- **Plot 77 Charlestown** – available for allocation (**Action CM**)
- **Improvement letters** - have been revised following a meeting of the allotment officers. LM to provide the Secretary with copies for future correspondence. (**Action LM**)

**4. MEMBERS ISSUES** – JT reported that one of the smallholder tenants was concerned about rats on neighbouring plots. JT noted that the Committee had made available for free a supply of bait and boxes.

## **5. REPORTS**

### **Allotment Officers Reports**

**Charlestown** – CM reported that there are 19 on the waiting list. Due to the subdivision of plots there are now 120 plots of which 26 are smallholder plots (with 16 tenants on these plots).

**Thompson Lane** – LM reported that there are 19 on the waiting list. 47 garden plots, 2 bee plots and a wildlife plot and 2 hen plots.

LM reported the outcome of the meeting held to discuss the improvement letters.

After the AGM people on the waiting list will be contacted to see if they are still interested in a plot.  
**(Action LM, CM)**

### **Treasurers Report**

Wynn Parry has experienced problems accessing the online account. JT has therefore been in contact with Santander. The balance in the current account is £7,910.64 and the reserve balance £8,169.77. Making a total of £16,280.

JT noted that the Annual Report required for the AGM would be undertaken by the accountants that had been appointed.

### **Health and Safety Report**

IH noted that he didn't think there was anything more that we could do to address the rat issue.

### **Shop**

There was a discussion about whether there might be an alternative supplier to Acorn. There was a consensus that Acorn provided a good service. DT to see who supplies the shop at the allotments in Bingley **(Action DT)**

**6. Telephone Boxes** – RW has completed the telephone box at The Junction and has started the one at Station Road.

**7. Community Plot** - IH went through the paper that had been provided with the Agenda. No existing members had come forward wanting to downsize. The beds had been offered to people on the waiting list however no one had remained on the community plot for long enough to ensure that it was maintained in a good condition. IH went through the options set out in the paper. The Committee thanked IH and SW for the work that they had put in but agreed that the idea of having a Community Plot be abandoned for the time being. CM thought that it would be possible to split the community plot into two plots and would offer it to the members currently on the Community Plot **(Action CM)**

### **8. Building at Thompson Lane**

MW and Alan will be doing the work once the building has been brought to the site. They propose to mix the cement by hand. **(Action MW/AT)**

## **9. Nominations for 2022 Committee**

There will be a vacancy for the post of Treasurer. JT asked the Committee to decide by the next meeting whether they wanted to continue as a Committee member and were happy with their roles. A new role responsible for education and social activities is to be created. Contact JT to discuss roles if required. **(Action – all)**.

JT reported that the Clerk of the Town Council, who had been very supportive of the Society, was leaving.

## **10. Sales Honesty Box**

The Committee agreed that this could be provided and Rod to be asked to build one. **(Action DT)**

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

RW to put together promotion for the leaf collection bins. **(Action RW)**

JT explained that he was trying to get the Town Council to support the bringing back of control of the war memorial by the local community. The Society could contribute with work to the garden. **(Action JT)**

IH clarified the arrangements for the AGM so that he could confirm with the golf club. IH to seek a price for Pie and Peas (to include a veggie option) for 30 people. **(Action IH)**

**12. Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Monday 8 November 2021 **7.00pm** Baildon Golf Club.