

## Baildon Horticultural Society

### Minutes of the Meeting dated 10 January 2022 held at Baildon Golf Club

**PRESENT** - John Turner (JT), Dawn Tinsley (DT), Charlotte Martin (CM), Louise Mallinson (LM), Robin Weedon (RW) Richard Nottidge (RN) Catherine Dunne (CD)

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Jan Studzinski, Peter Linley, Sue Wheatley, Ian Helyar, Susan Kean, Mike Webster
- 2 **Chairs opening remarks** – Community orchard plot: JT - after discussion between JT and PL over the last few weeks it was felt that this should be put back into circulation to make two allotment plots. All in favour. **Action – CM** to offer to next people on the waiting list
- 3 **Actions from November meeting:**
  - Re-join affiliated societies ( CD) - Dahlia Society £15 direct debit; Chrysanthemum Society - not able to contact; National Vegetable Society – rejoined at £29.60 to include medal. No reply from Worshipful company of Gardeners, Gladioli Society rejoined at £12.00. RHS - £35 will join after 1<sup>st</sup> February.
  - Drive repair ( JT/CM) – Jt had a meeting with newly appointed Town Clerk Katie Whitham but had been cancelled – to re-arrange and discuss then
  - Working party to clear vacated plot at Thompson Lane (MW/LM) – this has been cleared and a skip hired to clear rubbish. Plot now divided and let.
  - New Treasurer to meet Sarah Oddy (JT, DT, CD) This had taken place. CD still had to collect books and to check that she had been fully paid
  - Posters for AGM (LM/RW) – done
  - Seed Swap – defer to next meeting
- 4 **Actions from AGM:**
  - Cat welfare – The committee recognises the value of the five cats at Charlestown and ensures their welfare is a matter of priority
  - Water butts – JT to investigate applying for a grant for a minimum of 10 waterbutts with a view to selling at a discounted rate to plot holders
  - Addition to Rules – Abuse to Committee to include Plot holders
- 5 **Members Issues:** RN had received a query from a plot holder at Thompson Lane asking about a compost toilet. After discussion it was agreed the committee will continue to investigate the options but are aware of the financial and maintenance issues which would have to be solved.
- 6 **Reports:**
  - Allotment Officers  
Charlestown - CM reported that there were now 10 on the waiting list with 4 Vacant Plots.  
  
Thompson Lane – LM reported that there were 10 on the waiting list and 1 on the Smallholder list. Work still ongoing for the base for the community greenhouse.
  - Treasurer - CD handed out sheets. Running totals from 1 November: Income total £2,665.65. Expenditure Total £2,499.99.

- Secretary – no report
  - Health and Safety – no report
- Show Secretary – DT reported that she has booked the school for Sunday 4 September for the same price. She has asked for the tables to be moved prior to the show. DT felt it would be more appropriate if the allotment competition could be separate from the show. All in favour of this.
- 7 Volunteer of Year award - JT felt it would be a good idea to show our appreciation of our volunteers and that it would be nice to have a presentation at the show. Agreed to have one for Charlestown and one for Thompson Lane each with a £20 Voucher for the hut and certificate.
- 8 Governance Review (Mgt Agreements/Constitution/new Sub Committees etc) JT explained that a Management agreement with Town Council should be reviewed every year and that this has not been done for 2 years. Having this in place would stand us in good stead for applying for grants, etc. The constitution needs to be more “user friendly”. Also terms of reference needed for sub committees for example for each site. Executive Committee to meet up in the next few weeks to go through this review. **Action- JT to arrange.**
- 9 **Any Other Business**  
It had been suggested that future AGM’s should be held in May. Discussion took place about looking at coinciding this with a social occasion in the future.
- 10 Date of next meeting **7:00** Monday 14 February, at Baildon Golf Club or possibly Zoom?