

Baildon Horticultural Society
Minutes of the Meeting dated 9 May 2022
Baildon Rugby Club

PRESENT - John Turner (JT), Dawn Tinsley (DT), Charlotte Martin (CM), Robin Weedon (RW), Louise Mallinson (LM), Catherine Dunne (CD), Peter Linley (PL), Jan Studzinski (JS)

1 **Apologies for absence:** Sue Wheatley, Ian Helyar, Mike Webster, Susan Kean

2 **Chairs opening remarks**

JT proposed we move the agenda round to take into account the dispute between Zahid Halim and Simon Long about the placing of a hut on plots 24N/24NS. All communication had been circulated and it was decided that the full committee should visit the site and see for themselves, after which a decision would be made by the committee and the two plot holders involved be contacted with the decision. Proposed and seconded.

3 **Actions from previous meeting:**

- Boundary tree at Thompson Lane (JT) - LM reported that most of the trees had now been cut down by the council
- Golf club advert in schedule for show (IH, RW) - RW had received the advert from IH.
- Coordinate trips and talks (SW- see item 9)
- Photos of Committee members (RW) - RW to visit both sites this coming Sunday to take the photos.
- Contact RW for photos when work is carried out on Hoyle Court School project (DT) - RW had taken some photos and would put something on the website. **Action RW**
- Maintenance of affiliated membership (SW, CD) - CD to sort out direct debit **Action CD**
- Should allotment sub-committee write letters? (JT) (think we forgot this one!)
- H+S follow up report re smallholder plot (IH) - IH to leave this for now until the situation changes
- Baildon Link Volunteer (RN) - LM had contacted one of the members and asked them to liaise directly with Baildon Link.
- June social/mini show/open garden (JT) - JT had applied for a grant from Shipley Area Committee and been successful in getting £250 grant for Baildon Horticultural Society Jubilee Celebrations for Saturday 4 June at 2pm. at Charlestown Allotments. RN pointed out that no alcohol was supposed to be purchased with this money and that the local Councillor should be invited. CM offered to take the lead with organising the party. **Action CM**
- Bonfires (IH) - an email had gone out to all plot holders
- Baildon Welcomes Walkers visit (LM) - LM reported that the visit to Thompson Lane had been arranged for Friday 27 May and plot holders had been asked to help show them round. Chris Flecknoe had agreed to contact JT regarding a visit to Charlestown Allotments incorporated into a walk later in the year.

- Winter meetings via Zoom - agreed to take a vote later on in the year.

4 Member's Issues - see above

5 Reports:

Allotment Officers:

Charlestown - CM reported that she had recently let two plots and there were now 13 on the waiting list.

Thompson Lane –

LM reported 10 on waiting list. LM and MW had done a plot inspection that morning and all plots were looking good. There had recently been some confusion from plot holders about taking on a second plot by another person in the same household. The original rules had said no more than two plots per household but due to the recent high waiting list LM felt that there should only be one allowed. Agreed, however, this should be at the discretion of the allotment committee and in exceptional circumstances a second plot could be allowed. This topic to be discussed again at the next meeting.

Treasurer (CM) Income £13,136.31. Expenditure £9,410.61. Income less expenditure £3,725.70.

Secretary - no report

Health and Safety -

IH had expressed concern about some cardboard which could pose a fire hazard. DT agreed to move it inside. **Action DT**

LM mentioned there was a small amount of asbestos at TL but MW had suggested he wrap it up in blue plastic and store it out of the way for now. **Action MW**

Show Secretary

RW and DT had met and tidied up the schedule and all advertising was now in place.

AGENDA ITEMS

6 Clarification of the role of Sub-Committees

At present the two allotment sub committees had a small budget of £500 and decisions could be made at their meetings. There is also a Project Committee for anything not directly involved with the allotments. JT felt clarity was needed on how to go ahead and whether to have an arbitration committee to deal with disputes.

7 Issues with sheds and other structures. JT felt this should be mostly left to the sub committees to monitor.

8 Free deliveries. chippings, manure, scrapings etc. Somebody had recently dumped scrapings at Charlestown. While the delivery of manure and chippings was

welcome by members, it was felt that the committee should be in control rather than people just dumping these items.

9 **Trips and Talks** (see attached note) - RW had put this on the website and set up an alias mailbox but said if it gets busy he can set up an individual mailbox. SW to discuss at the next meeting. Several of the committee members were going to the talk on Sweet Peas next week at Eldwick and would try to get some contact details.

10 **Winter meeting – zoom?** - It was discussed whether we should begin Zoom meetings from October to April and whether we should have the AGM in December by Zoom? Perhaps miss February. To discuss at next meeting.

11 **AOB**

JS asked who was distributing the leaflets about membership and agreed to target the shops around Charlestown. JT to drop some off at the Farmers market 3rd Saturday in the month.

12 Date of next meeting 7:00 Monday 13 June, at Baildon Golf Club.