

Baildon Horticultural Society
Minutes of the Meeting dated 10 October 2022
Baildon Golf Club

PRESENT – John Turner (JT), Louise Mallinson (LM), Peter Linley (PL), Richard Nottidge (RN), Catherine Dunne (CD)

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Jan Studzinski (JS), Mike Webster (MW), Charlotte Martin (CM), Susan Kean (SK), Dawn Tinsley (DT), Ian Helyar (IH), Sue Wheatley (SW), Robin Weedon (RW)

2 Chairs opening remarks

Nominations for the committee will need to go on the November Agenda which will be via Zoom. PL announced he would leave the committee next year. Bonfire to take place on 5 November at Charlestown as a lot of wood to dispose of from huts recently pulled down.

3 Actions from previous meeting:

- Hoyle Court Article (RW) – defer until next meeting
- Use of Weedkiller on communal areas rule change (SW) – discuss at next meeting
- Update Risk Assessment (IH) – IH had forwarded a comprehensive Risk Assessment report for both sites. JT had met with Premier Pest Control company at the hen run who informed him that we are doing everything right and said he couldn't think of anything else we could be doing apart from industrial strength rat poison. However there would be a danger, being so near a residential area, that cats could be poisoned. Asbestos – to remain vigilant for any that is damaged or broken. It must be double bagged and sealed. The Council will take it away. RN pointed out that there is a special council tip where you can take it but would have to make an appointment. To remind people to lock the gate if less than 2 people in the car park.
- Add Open Gardens to January/February Agenda (SW)
- Financial Review of Shop at end of the year (CD) – for next meeting
- Asset Register (CD) for next meeting
- More detail of show expenses to be provided (CD) - CD to email report to the committee **Action CD**
- Neglected smallholder plot. Dale who has the smallholder plot next to it has taken it on as there was nobody on the smallholder waiting list. Dale was to get a quote for clearing it but it seems that work has already started.
- Application to Town Council for grant for tables (JT) – JT approached Shipley Community Chest but no chance of getting a grant as we have a large reserve. JT to apply to Baildon Town Council Skylark Fund for the £500 grant. **Action JT.**
- Email to be circulated asking if there are any items that the shop should stock LM/DT. LM had received no response from Thompson Lane plot holders to her email. DT reported - Debris netting and piping to cover brassicas. Sourced the piping and will order this soon. Sourced, ordered and have taken delivery of debris netting which is now on sale at Charlestown. Stock for poultry and small animals.

Sourced, ordered and have taken delivery of hay, shavings and straw which is now on sale at Charlestown. CM sourced and ordered poultry food which has been delivered and is now on sale at Charlestown.

- SK to start working in Thompson Lane Shop (LM/SK) – SK had started working and was in the process of sorting out the shop and stocktaking with LM.
- Book Library (SK) – Books now available at Thompson Lane shop. If they don't sell, JT suggested seeing if the The Glen Nursing Home on West Lane want them as they had made a request for gardening magazines. Community Centres, Links etc might be interested in taking any unwanted books.

4 MEMBERS' ISSUES – none

5 REPORTS

Allotment Officers

- Thompson Lane – 14 on list. MW is progressing with the conservatory/communal greenhouse.
- Charlestown – CM sent a report that there are currently 11 on the waiting list. One plot needs an improvement letter and another couple are being watched. Avian Flu – areas of the south are subject to a housing order as from 12.10.22 so it will likely become national within a month. *JT* to contact Environmental Health Warden with regard to the potential lockdown. Will compose a letter to all smallholder plot holders outlining the situation and the risk they take if they leave their birds out. (ie a potential £1,000 fine and if infected bird found all birds within a certain radius could be culled). **Action – JT.**

Treasurer –Income £17,739.90. Expenditure £16,200.31. Income less expenditure £1,539.59. (£75 for Accounts Clerk). Stocktake to be completed on 31 October.

Secretary - None to report

Health and Safety – see above under Risk Assessments. **Action – JT to update with the actions discussed**

Show Secretary – CD had been approached at the show by somebody from Esholt who had entered produce but felt it was unfair that some people were putting multiple entries into same class. To discuss with DT at next meeting.

6 **DEFIBRILLATOR** – CM had reported that they can be purchased with batteries so no need for electricity. All in favour of purchasing one even if we have to fund it ourselves but we may consider a fund-raising exercise. JT to ask CM if she can get us some costings. **Action CM**

7 Any Other Business –

Hoyle Court - DT is meeting the Eco Team at Hoyle Court School on 18th October and taking them and some of the teachers for a tour of Charlestown allotments, with a view to further visits throughout the growing season. Chris Dearnley from Thompson Lane has kindly taken over the Hoyle Court School Project and will hopefully be joining the Eco team that day.

8 **NEXT MEETING**

7pm Monday 14 November via Zoom. To ask RW to set up.

For next agenda – Nominations and Publicity about the AGM. Agreed to hold the AGM at the Golf Club (? IH has already booked it). Free Pie and Peas for about 40 people with a vegetarian option.