

Baildon Horticultural Society
Minutes of the Meeting dated 13 February at 7.00pm via ZOOM

PRESENT - John Turner (JT), Dawn Tinsley (DT), Charlotte Martin (CM), Robin Weedon (RW), Louise Mallinson (LM), Louise Davies (LD), Richard Nottidge (RN), Susan Kean (SK), Jon Roughton, Dale Holgate

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

2 Chairs opening remarks

Avian Flu – JT had noticed that some smallholder plot holders had been letting birds out. When approached some of them had explained that they were cleaning their birds out. JT explained to the committee that if caught it would be the responsibility of the individual rather than the Society. The perpetrator would be issued with a warning letter and re-visited and if the birds were still out they would be fined.

JT had noticed a few new plot holders around and asked members of the committee to make themselves known and welcome them and tell them to ask a member of the committee if they needed anything.

JT said that Charlestown was going to be swapping the combination lock on the hut to a key system and there would be just 4 key holders.

3 Actions from January Meeting

Defibrillator update – JT still to ask Shipley Paint if they could have a defibrillator on their wall and share it with Charlestown plot holders. They would need to provide an electricity source. DH said he would look into the price of a battery operated one

Action DH/JT

Education Building – JT, DT and RW had met and made suggestions for naming this building. DT had worked on the raised beds and the chairs had been removed. The next step would be to trial workshops. JT asked if anyone from the Committee would like to help with work on the hut – eg painting.

Bridgewater Trip – Defer to March meeting.

4 Members Issues – nothing to report

5 Reports

Allotments

Charlestown – CM reported 8 people on the waiting list. JT said there were two large water carriers which had been dumped and would need to be removed and disposed of as they were contaminated. Agreed that the metal cage should first be removed and left for the scrap man then to pay for the plastic parts to be removed.

Thompson Lane - LM reported 8 on the waiting list. The conservatory/communal greenhouse was almost complete and staging had been put in by Alan and Kevin. LM to contact Baildon Town Council or Mark Scrimshaw from the Environmental

Committee to ascertain who is responsible for the boundary fence at the back of the site which needs replacing.

Treasurers Report

LD had sent out a quarterly report and it was agreed that it was very straightforward and easy to understand. JT asked if the keys and bonds could be listed separately. LD was thanked for her hard work. JT reminded the committee that it was the Environmental Meeting on 14 February and he would find out if the £1,500 asked for had been approved.

Secretary – nothing to report

Health and Safety - defer to March Meeting

Show Secretary

DT had booked the show for the 3rd September and had spoken to most of the judges. She had already got £560 worth of sponsor money but wished to get a few more sponsors. Donald's wife had been in touch and wanted to do something else as well as a cup in Donald's memory. DT had suggested the family sponsor the Trug and find a silver cup or price up a new one and get it engraved. **Action DT** DT had contacted the farmers market and they don't want to borrow the tables. Six more tables had been purchased which would be enough without borrowing the Farmers Market tables.

Membership RN said there were around 30 non-plot holder members so far. SK felt we need to do more to attract more members. JT felt that when we have organised some trips and talks there would be more on offer. DT pointed out that the shops were not going to be cheaper due to the £25 delivery charge from Acorn. JT suggested a few committee members thinking of ways to attract more members.

6 Allotment Competition

DT announced that she doesn't want to organise this again. SK said she would be happy to organise it if other committee members felt it was worth putting on. A discussion took place as to whether to carry on with the competition. LM suggested we just concentrate on the best plot holder which is judged by the allotment officers. JT suggested the word "award" would be better than "competition". To review this at the next meeting.

7 Any Other Business - none

8 Next Meeting – Monday 13 March at 7.00 via ZOOM.