

**Baildon Horticultural Society**  
**Minutes of the Meeting on 11 April 2023**  
**Baildon Golf Club**

PRESENT

John Turner (JT), Dawn Tinsley (DT), Charlotte Martin (CM), Louise Mallinson (LM), Richard Nottidge (RN), Sue Wheatley (SW), Ian Helyar (IH), Louise Davies (LD), Susan Kean (SK), Jon Roughton (JR), Dale Holgate (DH),

1. **Apologies for absence:** Robin Weedon (RW)
2. **2. Chairs opening remarks**

JT advised that he had been approached to stand again for Baildon Town Council and that as no one else in his ward had put their name forward, he had been elected. He explained that he would more than likely be on the Environment Committee; although responsibilities would not be assigned until the Town Council's first meeting on 20 May, and that therefore there would be a conflict of interest with his role as Chair of BHS. He also advised that he would not have time for both roles and that therefore he was considering standing down as chair of BHS. He asked if LM, as the current Vice-Chair would be prepared to take over, however she was not keen, although indicated that she was happy to fill in when needed. JT noted that if the Society was unable to appoint a Chair then the Society would not be able to function and management of the allotments would revert to Bradford Council. He asked Committee members to consider whether any of them would be prepared to take over. JT will chair the May meeting.

3. **Actions from previous meetings**

- JT advised that he had applied for a grant for the coronation and wondered whether the allotment open day could be timed to coincide. SW referred to the previous meeting and RW's suggestion that it be in the National Allotment Week. She reported that this was 7-13 August. JT volunteered RW to organise (**Action RW**)
- Risk Assessment has been amended.
- DT reported that she has produced a couple of posters about the defibrillator
- SW reported that she had e-mailed members about the Bridgewater trip.

- DT reported that she had the Donald Butterfield Cup in hand and that also Clive had organised a plaque for the bench
- DH to repair the hole by gate (**Action DH**)
- CM reported that she had obtained 3 quotes for the retaining wall ranging from £3,000 to £8,000. LD wondered whether it might be covered by Insurance but IH advised that it wouldn't be. He also wondered whether it needed to be a wall. CM explained that the wall wasn't just holding back soil but also glass and rubble as the area had been pig styes. The Committee discussed whether the cheapest proposal, which was just for a single skin wall, would be sufficient. The mid-priced quote was to use gabion baskets and the most expensive blocks. CM didn't think that the wall was in imminent danger of collapse and it was agreed that the decision be deferred to seek structural advice (**Action DH**)
- LM had e-mailed about the greenhouse at Thompson Lane and reported that it was being used.
- JT had made a presentation to the Town Council about the Ed Shed and they had agreed to provide £1500 towards costs and that the Clerk would be able to authorise payment of invoices when submitted. JT also reported that he had applied for a grant for solar panels from Baildon Mechanical Institute.
- Charlestown water has been turned on.
- JT had circulated information about the Eldwick and Gilstead talks and our website has been updated.
- JT advised that he had spoken to the Town Council and that the unsightly gas posts were to be permanent and didn't need permission.

#### 4. **Member's issues**

There have been mutterings about the pot holes in front of the hut. Chris Wright to be contacted (**Action DH**).

#### 5. **Reports**

Allotment Officers:-

CM advised that at Charlestown there are 7 on the waiting list. Most plots are in a good condition with only a couple on the watch list.

LM advised that at Thompson Lane there were 8 on the waiting list and no issues.

Treasurer – reported that she had received £310 in for Bridgewater and £565 for show sponsorship. There had been around £2,000 in for the hut and around £1,000 was due for April. It was noted that the rent to the Town Council was still outstanding.

The balance in the accounts is:

Current - £8,248.20

Savings - £8,241.95

Secretary – Nothing to report

Health and Safety Officer- Nothing to Report

Show Secretary – everything in hand.

## 6. **Bridgewater Trip**

SW reported that 36 people had signed up for the trip so far and that whilst it had been opened up to non- members with links to members she didn't think we should open it up any wider. This would give the opportunity for members to come at the last minute if they wanted to.

## 7. **Talks**

JT noted that Eldwick and Gilstead were happy for us to attend their talks and had given him the details of a good speaker who lived reasonably locally. However, this person charged £95 plus mileage and as the Ed Shed could only accommodate 10-15 people it wouldn't justify this level of expenditure. It would need the hire of a larger hall. SW advised that at the present time she didn't feel able to organise this. It was agreed that we would try and promote the Eldwick and Gilstead talks more. ( **Action SW and RW**)

## 8. **Fence at Thompson Lane**

The fence along the frontage of Thompson Lane needs to be replaced. Currently there is an old fence and privet hedge and the proposal is to replace this with a chain link type fence. It is an external fence and therefore the responsibility of the Town Council. The following proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously:

We request Baildon Town Council accepts quotes for the re-fencing of the Thompson Lane front boundary (**Action JT**)

## 9. **AOB**

SK suggested that it would be valuable to have more people with first aid training and that she knew someone who could run a course ( for £25 p.p instead of the usual £79 p.p.). It was agreed that this would be a good idea and JT advised that it might be possible to get a grant from Skylark or the Treasure Chest from the Shipley Area Committee.

JT suggested that if anyone was interested in taking over as Chair that they should give him a ring. He thought that under the constitution we could co-opt a Chair possibly without the President needing to call an emergency meeting.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting

7:00 TUESDAY 9 May at Baildon Golf Club (moved from Monday due to Bank Holiday)