

**Baildon Horticultural Society**  
**Minutes of the Meeting on 10 July 2023**  
**Baildon Golf Club**

**Present** – Louise Mallinson (LM), Jon Roughton (JR), Dawn Tinsley (DT), Sue Wheatley (SW), Louise Davies (LD), Robin Weedon (RW) Richard Nottidge (RN) Ian Helyar (IH), Mike Webster (MW)

**1. Apologies for absence:** Susan Kean (SK), Dale Holgate (DH),

**2. Chairs opening remarks**

The Chairs welcomed everyone to the meeting

**3. Actions from previous meetings**

- JR reported that he hadn't had a copy of a structural report from DH. He also wondered if anyone knew a structural engineer for a second report. The Committee discussed the issue of the retaining structure and it was agreed that letters should be drafted and sent to Bradford Council and Baildon Town Council. SW to draft and send first to the Chairs for approval. ( **Action SW**)
- LM referred to the note from John Turner, Chair of the Environment Committee of Baildon Town Council about the meeting that had been held to discuss the partial removal of the front hedge at Thompson Lane and replacement with a fence. The work has been agreed and will be carried out in October. The Town Council will fund the new shrubs.
- DT will speak to the Headteacher about the school replacing damaged tables after the show. ( **Action DT**)
- DT will organise magnetic signs for the water tanks. ( **Action DT**)
- LM sent an e-mail to Thompson Lane plot holders about the proposed Allotment Open Day and only had one reply and no objections to it. It will therefore go ahead on 13 August between 12:00 and 16:00. Robin tabled notices which will be displayed ( **Action LM**)
- A map of Thompson Lane to be produced for the open day ( **Action SK**)
- RN reported that 22 children ( aged 6-7) from Baildon Glen School had visited Thompson Lane with their teacher and had enjoyed their visit. LM had talked

to them about bees. MW had shown them compost and a wormery. Chris Dearley had shown them his polytunnel. Further visits will be arranged. The school has ordered a greenhouse. RN will write an article for the newsletter **(Action RN)**

- DT reported that she had e-mailed Jane at Bradford Council on 19 June but hadn't had a reply. She had advised that the Committee had concluded that the Ed Shed wasn't safe. She mentioned that there were other buildings on the site and grants might be sought for these in the future. The shed is being advertised for sale.
- SW reported that she had checked her records and could only find a copy of the original agreement not the 5 year agreement that John Turner had advised had been entered into. The Committee asked SW to write to the Town Council to confirm that this is the relevant agreement. ( **Action SW**).The Committee discussed the financial arrangements between Bradford Council, the Town Council and the Society and the need to understand this further.
- It was highlighted that the Baildon Town Council Newsletter had reported that the Society had received a skylark grant for first aid training and that the people trained would also be available for other community events. SW to ask SK whether this was a condition of the grant. **(Action SW)**
- SW advised that unfortunately she hadn't got round to doing anything about a Committee trip to Harlow Carr. MW advised that he knew someone who now worked at Harlow Carr **(Action SW)**

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

None

#### **5. Reports**

Allotment Officers:-

CM advised that at Charlestown there were 10 on the waiting list. One plot holder is about to be evicted.

LM advised that at Thompson Lane there were 10 on the waiting list. Plots were in a poorer condition than earlier in the year.

Treasurer – advised that it had been a quiet month:

Current - £8,365.90

Savings - £8,307.72

She asked for DT and LM to clarify petty cash for the end of July figures. ( **Action DT, LM**)

Secretary – Nothing to report

Health and Safety Officer- Nothing to Report.

Show Secretary – Nothing to report

### **10.AOB**

The perimeter hedges will not be cut until August to ensure nesting birds are not harmed. It was however noted that visibility to the right is poor and the need for some light hand trimming was discussed.

11. Date of Next Meeting 7:00 Monday 14 August at Baildon Golf Club