

Baildon Horticultural Society
Minutes of the meeting dated 8th January 2024
Malt Shovel

PRESENT: Louise Mallinson (LM), Jon Roughton (JR), Dawn Tinsley (DT), Richard Nottidge (RN), Sharon Burrows (SB), Charlotte Martin (CM), Peter Laws (PL), Dale Holgate (DH), Mike Webster (MW), Robin Weedon (RW), Neal Parry (NP), Claire Bray (CB).

1. Apologies for absence:

None.

2. Introduction of new committee members:

Following on from introductions made at the AGM meeting on the 11th December 2023, it was agreed that the new committee members will write a short introduction and send it to RW to add to the website. Pictures not required.

Action: CB, NP, PL and SB to email their introduction copy to RW.

3. Actions from previous meetings:

- I. Seek up to date quote for retaining wall (JR)**
Ongoing. Once the weather has improved this will be picked up again.
- II. Thompson Lane Hedges (LM)**
Was due to start 8.1.2024. LM emailed for an update, contractor waiting for parts. LM will monitor progress and contact again if required.
- III. Quotes for Thompson Lane Back Boundary (RN)**
One quote has been received. Awaiting 3 more quotes. The quotes are required for the funding application. Temporary fencing was discussed, especially for behind Mike's plot to help with security. RN/MW to look into temporary fencing option.
- IV. Purchase more tables for the show (DT)**
Additional tables have been purchased (20 x 6ft and 4 x 4ft). In addition to this, DT has received written confirmation from Sandals School that the 44 tables kept at the school do belong to BHS. If there are any breakages of those 44, the school will replace them.
- V. Management Agreement update (DT/JR/LM)**
Leave this until meeting with Baildon Town Council.
- VI. Storage on Dropbox update (RW)**
The Dropbox storage is working well. Currently free. If additional storage is needed in future we can upgrade to a paid plan. Any problems using the storage contact RW for help.

4. Member's issues:

None.

5. Reports:

Allotment officers:

Charlestown: CM reported 5 on the waiting list.

CCTV at Charlestown is not recording. RN advised that there is a service agreement in place with the supplier.

Action: RN to visit Charlestown and RN/DT to contact supplier about the service agreement and fixing the problem. DT to start looking into the possibility of applying for a grant to upgrade the CCTV system at Charlestown.

Thompson Lane: LM reported 5 on the waiting list.

There was a break in at Thompson Lane between Christmas and New Year. A gate was broken and a hut opened. Nothing was taken. The plot owner reported the incident to the police.

Treasurer:

SB finalising handover with Catherine Dunne (previous Treasurer).

Secretary:

Nothing to report.

Health and Safety:

2024 Insurance is paid. Ian (previous Health and Safety officer), is happy to be contacted in future if any advice is required. PL advised that a Health and Safety report has never been completed.

Action: PL and MW to visit both sites and review the Health and Safety report template.

Show Secretary:

Agreed that Sandals School will be booked for the 2024 show on 1st September.

Action: DT to book.

Membership Secretary:

Membership cards have been printed and will be available in both Charlestown and Thompson Lane sales huts.

6. Any other business:

A security concern was raised about the main gate at the Charlestown site. The gate continues to get left open with the padlock undone. This has occurred on more than one occasion when there has only been one person left on the allotment site, this is despite having a sign in place advising that the gate should be closed and locked.

Action: continue to monitor and decide if further action is required.

Date of the next meeting is 7pm Monday 12th February at The Malt Shovel.

(If the weather is bad this will take place on a Zoom call).