

Alers Road Leisure Gardens Association Committee Meeting Minutes - 28th May 2023

Present	Apologies for Absence
	Adrian Hawthorne – Chairman
Debra Collins – Secretary	Martin Williams
John Hollands - Treasurer	
Eddy Haydon – acted as Chair	
John Young	
Richard Collins	
Ray Mitchell	
Roy Seymour	
Linda Hartard	

Min	Item	Action
1.0	WELCOME	
	Due to Adrian's absence Eddy agreed to chair the meeting.	
2.0	OPEN ACCESS	
	None	
3.0	Previous Meeting	
	The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by Eddy as acting Chair these will now be added to the website.	
4.0	MATTERS ARISING	
	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open access: Point 2 – The shade on the plot, John Hollands and Debra Collins looked at the plot following the last meeting. The shop takes up 2/3rds of the area next to Keith Chapman's plot. The structure he mentioned during open access on the 26th March does not cause any shading at all. • Open access: Point 3 – collection of water. On checking the plot it was noted that the plot had several water butts and they appear to collect more rain than other plots. <p style="text-align: center;">No further Action Needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water pipes: no leaks. Oozing where the meter is fitted, oozing from both ends. John Hollands reported this 3 weeks ago waiting for a response. 	

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5.0	CHAIR'S REPORT	
	No chair report due to Adrian's absence	
5.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	John shared a printout of the accounts with the committee Business plan to be sent with minutes – forecast Currently have a deficit of £3K, However this will improve. Assets of over £19K. See sheet for full details.	
6.0	PLOTS REPORT	
	<p>There are 17 people on the waiting list. Plot 55 has had notice to terminate, there are also a couple of other plots following the cultivation survey who will also be sent letters in the next couple of days. Plots 122, 126b. 8. John Hollands to arrange for plot 55 to be strimmed and sprayed before letting as it is in a terrible state. Plot 48A David Cox, is awaiting surgery, I have emailed him about relinquishing the plot until after his surgery and recovery and then taking a new plot when he is ready. Awaiting to hear. Stacey plot 16a is giving up. Will re-let the plot.</p> <p>Eddy said that the process is taking too long. Debra explained that when checked plots some work had been done so gave the plot holders extra time to continue to bring plots up to 75% cultivation.as some plot holders can be argumentative when they have been doing some work. Committee stated that letters are from them as a whole, and that any abuse will be managed by the committee. In future plot holders only to be given 3 weeks to get the plots up to tenancy agreement.</p>	
7.0	SITE REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet at the back painted • Fencing now repaired where break ins were occurring. • Type 1 still to be done on the driveway • Manure bay not done yet. Eddy to revisit quotes and look into this. • No response from Joe Hurnandes from any of the email or letters sent. John Holland felt this was rude. Letter to be sent giving him 2 weeks to sort the problem of the shed otherwise his tenancy will be terminated. Adrian is happy to help but Joe must clear the shed. 	

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8.0	MACHINERY	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mantis has seized up. It had been stored the wrong way up or tipped upside down to clean, so the oil drained into the chamber. It is easier to clean on the table – so if letting it out please let the borrower know this. • All the machinery is good now. 	
9.0	PROPOSED ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT	
	<p>John Holland read out the responses to the proposals shared including from Jim Buttress, Kane Phelps, Steve Boxall, Jarka Rome</p> <p>Concerned that structures set for a certain size</p> <p>From prospective of committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paths – had to be included in size. We agreed that the path to the right side is the responsibility of the plot holder and included in the cost. Ed has the original notes • Can't buy a polytunnel at the size that the authority want to limit it to but is too small. • John to draft and I will forward it on to Allotment help desk, as well as James, Caroline and Jo <p>I have completed the entry to Ruxley in Bloom. I am away when the judges will visit – will change the contact details to John Hollands, John was happy for this.</p>	
10.0	FEDERATION REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working party had 2 meetings and very successful. • Information sent back to the federation to make it work. To date they have not done anything about this. • Now established the working party, there has been no backing, the Federation needs to be more productive as they are our voice. • Chairman of the Federation said awaiting details from James. He then got the information, but when chase he had not looked at it. • John Holland is getting frustrated, feels that there needs to be a meeting from all representatives from different sites, 	
11.0	FACEBOOK	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing noted due to apologies from Martin . 	
12.0	WEBSITE	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Y shared a print out with the stats from the website. 	

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13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Eddy – discussed the BHS show. They are in need of domestic judge for the show. They have been through the list of judges, at the moment no judge available. - Debra and Richard gave apologies for the next meeting as they will be on holiday. John Hollands agreed to take the minutes.
Next Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30th July 2023 Future Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">24th Sept 202326th Nov 202328th Jan 202431st March 2024	