

Harborne Hill Allotments AGM Sunday 2nd April 2023

Present were – A.Thomson (Chair), A.Garbutt Hon Sec), T.Beach(Treas.) S.Coote, D.Dennick, P.Lennox, G.Adams, N.Amos, B.Coles, A.Chebil, S.Jarvis, T.Wright, P Jackson and P.Hamilton. Apologies were received from C.Shaw and J Cherrington

Minutes of Extra-Ordinary Committee Meeting held on 12th June 2022 – these had been accepted as an accurate record at the 26th February Committee Meeting.

Chairman's report - The last AGM was held in March 2020, then we had an Extra-ordinary Committee meeting in June of last year as a “catch up” meeting and taking everything into consideration we have survived the last 3 years very well I believe. During that time the Shop was fully stocked and was open every weekend. Tenancies, with the exception of one plot we are fully occupied, in the case of that one plot which needs a lot of work a young man has said he is willing to take it on. There are some plots that appear to be neglected and it is planned that there will be plot inspections this Month.

Water usage and water bills are becoming a problem, usage last year was 584 units , the highest usage in the past was 360 units in 2013, plus the cost per unit has risen, our water bill last year was about £1,500 and the price of water per unit of water is going up about 10% this year. So all Tenants must do what they can to save rain water and report any leaks.

On the good side we do have a number of “willing hands”, who help in many ways, offloading deliveries for the shop, trimming shrubs, cleaning the lavatories, fitting new locker doors, plumbing, manning the Shop etc.

Both the Chairman and the Secretary are stepping down but they will be keeping on their allotment plots so they will still be around.

Treasurer's Report – no audited accounts for 2022 were available, the auditor had raised queries, answers to these queries are being pursued, and it was agreed that audited accounts should be available by the end of April.

Election of Officers and Members of the Committee – A.Thomson stood down as Chairman and a Committee Member, A.Garbutt stood down as Secretary,the remaining members were all willing to remain Committee members plus S.Jarvis joined the Committee. T.Beach is now the Chairman, T.Wright Secretary, and D Dennick Treasurer.

AOB – Break in of sheds and lockers last weekend, Guinea Gardens also had break ins. Short discussion on security measures. A Scene of Crimes officer came down last Monday and a PCSO this morning. Unfortunately they had little to go on.

There was thanks from members to the Officers who were Standing down.

Date of next AGM April 2024 date t.b.a.