

Alers Road Leisure Gardens Association Committee Meeting Minutes - 3rd October 2021

Present	Apologies for Absence
Adrian Hawthorne - Chairman	
Debra Collins – Secretary	Mary Harrison
John Hollands - Treasurer	
Eddy Haydon	
Linda Hartard	
Ray Mitchell	
John Young	
Richard Collins	
Roy Seymour	

Min	Item	Action
1.0	WELCOME	
	Adrian welcomed everyone to the Meeting	
1.0	OPEN ACCESS	
	None	
2.0	Notes 30th May 2021	
	The notes written and distributed on the 7 th June 2021 were agreed as a true record, with one amendment. In the minutes It stated that we are able to have '3 shout outs to all members with email addresses per year '. This should have said 3 shout outs per month .	
3.0	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	
	<p>Last Saturday (25th September 2021), I had a great day with my daughter at the Chelsea Flower Show, which was a postponed Christmas present from two years back. This was my first time, but I would definitely like to go again. We even had a lunch interlude entertainment from the Barron Knights, which again was really good. There's so much to see at Chelsea, that we didn't see everything.</p> <p>Congratulations to Gerry for his second place for Best Allotment and to Eddy for winning best front garden. Alers Road were runners up for best allotment site.</p>	
5.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	<p>John Gave out a printed sheet of the accounts to all committee members present and explained the accounts. If further clarification is needed, please speak to John. The account sheets will be included with the minutes for the records.</p> <p>Rents going up 2p a m² this year and a further 4p next year. All plot holders need to be informed this year of the increase for next year. With a 4p a m² or rents will still remain below council rates.</p>	

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6.0	PLOTS REPORT	
	<p>For one reason or another we have had 3 whole plots and 3 half plots relinquished. Many of the prospective plot holders on the waiting list are asking for half plots.</p> <p>I have shown 4 people / families around the site, and am waiting to hear from 2 others. They have not responded to emails / telephone calls so have sent a letter asking them to contact me by Friday 8th Oct, I will offer to the next 2 on the waiting list.</p> <p>Plot 20a has been taken over by the current holder of Plot 20b, so this is now a full plot. Plot 21 is being split into 2 half plots</p> <p>Currently we have 12 on the waiting list.</p> <p>Health and Safety Audit around the site is still waiting to be completed. When showing families around some of the paths were hard to pass along, and were a hazard.</p>	AH / RM
7.0	SITE REPORT	
	<p>John thanked Roy and David for painting the toilet block. More volunteers are needed to help maintain and clean the toilet.</p> <p>A lot of work / maintenance was carried out on the water tanks last year. This year there have been no leaks. The tanks will be drained again and checked over during the winter months and any repairs carried out.</p> <p>John will be turning the water off for the winter.</p> <p>John is liaising with Derek's family regarding his plot, he is not really in a position to continue working it, but will wait to see what the family want to do.</p> <p>Manure problems: John, Gerry and Eddy are actively trying to solve the problem. Eddy trying to contact Colin who normally supplies the site. The telephone number is not working and the website shows the stables is closing down. John has arranged for someone to go and look.</p>	J Holland
8.0	MACHINERY	
	<p>3 Still Strimmer's have new heads. Concerns raised around the new petrol and is compatible. Looking to get strimmer's services at the end of the season.</p> <p>All machinery working okay, even the old cultivator has been checked and is okay.</p>	J Holland

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9.0	FEDERATION REPORT	
	<p>Zoom meeting in January 2021. 4 people attended, one of the attendees was James from Local authority. John raised rents at this meeting, stating that we needed a years notice of any increases.</p> <p>Meeting via Zoom on the 2nd September. James said that the rents are going up 4p. When questioned, James said that this was agreed with the Federation Chair. There is no evidence that this conversation happened. John offered to help the Federation Chair write a letter. This offer was not taken up.</p> <p>John has suggested writing to the Federation asking for information re income / outcome regarding allotment sites under F.O.I Act. If federation don't do this. John to bring back to committee and we will write to the council for information. We would like to know moving forward, what the allotment services are costing. Adrian asked if we are able to ask for past years information for comparison.</p> <p>We still don't have licences or contracts.</p>	J Holland
10.0	WEBSITE	
	It was asked if the pricing is up to date on the website.	
11.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	Adrian and Ray to do a health and safety survey	AH
	<p>Meeting Closed at 11.30 Next Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ? January 2022 	