

Alers Road Leisure Gardens Association AGM Minutes - 1st February 2019

| Present | Apologies for Absence |
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| Adrian Hawthorne – Chair | E Haydon, Tony Rodwell, Ron Moore, Linda Hartard, Jeanne Asquith, James Ward. |
| Derrick Martin – Dep Chair | |
| John Hollands – Sec/Tres | |
| 33 Members | |

| Min | Item |
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| 1.0 | CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME |
| | The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. |
| 2.0 | MINUTES OF AGM HELD 2 FEBRUARY 2018 |
| | The minutes were taken as read, and were approved unanimously. |
| 3.0 | MATTERS ARISING |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None |
| 4.0 | CHAIRMAN'S REPORT |
| | <p>AH thanked the Committee and Secretary for their support and efforts during the year. He also extended these thanks to the band of ploholders who carry out regular jobs around the site even though they aren't Committee members.</p> <p>He hoped everyone was pleased with the new entrance – a great asset to the site.</p> <p>He emphasised that there is 'Open Access' available at every Committee Meeting where ploholders can bring forward suggestions or concerns, particularly any ideas for site improvements.</p> <p>We won the Ruxley in Bloom award for the second year and trust that ploholders will ensure the site is ready to win in 2019. He was also pleased that Gerry Hockley won 1st in the plot completion and Eddy Haydon was 3rd</p> <p>Brexit is an issue that we are all aware of, and even with the variations in weather, we should be immune to the shortages of fruit and vegetables we are being warned of!</p> |
| 5.0 | SECRETARY'S REPORT |
| | <p>JH paid tribute to Alan Hogger, who has tended a plot on site since 1992, who died earlier this week.</p> <p>He reported that there are one full and one half plot vacant. Some thefts have been reported and JH emphasised the need for vigilance and to record all incidents in the Site Log Book so patterns may be seen? He was concerned that it is very likely that these thefts are perpetrated by a plot holder.</p> |
| 6.0 | TREASURER'S REPORT |
| | The 2018 accounts are unusual due to three factors. Two sets of invoices produced during the year; the contribution of rents to the Council wasn't |

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| | invoiced; we had works undertaken on the entrance drive. Although the accounts show a surplus of £4K, if these items are taken into account the actual figure is a loss of £1.8K This is due to the exceptional expenditure on the drive, and the Association is still in a good financial position. |
| 7.0 | ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS |
| | The Annual Accounts were proposed by Mandy Bearman, seconded by Roy Seymour and unanimously accepted. Thanks were given to Kirsten Gibbs our Auditor. She has agreed to audit the 2019 accounts. |
| 8.0 | AFFILIATIONS |
| | The meeting agreed to continue affiliation to BFALG. |
| 9.0 | ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE |
| | Only one nomination was received and that was to reappoint the existing officers and Committee members. Proposed by Mandy Bearman, seconded by Roy Bearman and carried unanimously. Chairman Adrian Hawthorne Deputy Chairman Derrick Martin Secretary/Treasurer John Hollands. Committee members ; Ray Mitchell, Eddie Haydon, Mary Harrison, Linda Hartard, Roy Seymour. Two vacancies exist. JH emphasised the importance of these positions being filled. |
| 10.0 | MOTIONS |
| | No motions were presented |
| 11.0 | ANY OTHER BUSINESS |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The position regarding the use of the Council's recycling facility has been clarified. Bexley residents may use the facility for their own plot waste but this is a concession and may be removed if abused. Allotment waste from general areas and vacant plots must be dealt with via the Secretary. • Our Website is an asset that has been instrumental in attracting new ploholders and providing information. Currently JHa is the only person who has knowledge of the processes. We need someone to act as a 'Back-up' who can undertake Website tasks if JHa is unavailable. JH also explained that there is also no back-up for his roles, and that he intended to retire from the roles when he reaches 70 – now two years away. What is needed is someone to step in so that a gradual hand-over can be made. • Terry Jones (Plot 123) asked that action is taken on the trees that overhang the site from the gardens in Danson Road. JH to progress. |
| | END – MEETING CLOSED 20.25 |