## Alers Road Leisure Gardens Association Committee Notes - 22 November 2020

Due to the Corvid 19 situation the Committee Meeting planned for Sunday 22 November didn't go ahead.

The Chairman and Secretary discussed the Association's situation. The notes below reflect this discussion.

Min	Item
1.0	GENERAL SITUATION RE: COVID 19
	The site is operating much as normal, although Social Distancing at two
	metres is in operation.
2.0	Minutes of Masting 20 Contombox 2020
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	AH/JH agreed that the minutes published were a true record. There were
	no matters arising that aren't covered by these notes
3.0	TREASURER'S REPORT
	<ul> <li>Current assets of £18.8K – P&amp;L shows a deficit of £6.5K.</li> <li>Invoicing is now complete with £6.6K received. Water costs £2.6K largest ever. This is a 'True' cost as Castle Water have billed us to the actual use as at Oct 20. This figure should be seen in the light of last year being the lowest ever £1.2K and based on the water meter readings £500 of this year's costs were for water used last year. We also have had water leaks which has impacted usage. Other costs in line with expected. We have paid £135 for the year's manure supply. There may be a few more expenses for this year, but nothing significant anticipated. The deficit of £6.5K is not a problem as if we take out the £7K for the entrance drive and £500 overcharge on water it shows we have an operational surplus of about £1K.</li> <li>Following this year's invoicing it was mentioned by a number of plotholders that we had odd amounts. I suggest that in subsequent years we round the invoice amount to the nearest £1 – I'll bring a motion the AGM.</li> </ul>
4.0	PLOTS REPORT
	<ul> <li>Three plotholders gave up at the end of the invoice year and the plots were filled by people on the Waiting List. There is still a Waiting List of nine with three additional people waiting for specific plots.</li> <li>Cultivation Surveys will recommence in March 2021. In the Autumn Newsletter it was asked that any plotholder who thought that they</li> </ul>
	may be unable to meet the cultivation requirements of the Tenancy Agreement due to Covid 19 let us know straightaway so the situation could be discussed. No plotholder took this option, so the Cultivation Surveys will continue as normal.

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5.0	SITE REPORT
	<ul> <li>The area at the end of the paved entrance was becoming wornaway. This has been remedied by laying a coating of Type 1. A sign has been erected with the aim of getting drivers to slow down as they turn into the carpark – speed is what has caused the problem.</li> <li>A new padlock has been fitted to the machinery shed</li> <li>A tree in the garden of 61 Danson Road is causing problems – the Council has been asked to intervene. Awaiting reply.</li> <li>Two new signs have been fixed to the gate; one asking for the bolt to be latched up on closing; the second telling people not to oil the padlock.</li> <li>As previously discussed we have two leaking water tanks – one replaced, one attempted repair but unsuccessful. We will undertake a check of all the tanks now the water is off to see the extent of the problem. Once known we will need to discuss potential solutions. (Inspections of the first few tanks have revealed a number of problems)</li> </ul>
6.0	MACHINERY
	The ride-on mower and the roller mower will be going for service over the winter.
7.0	WEBSITE
	Enquiries for plots still being received. Hits on Website boosted by 'Shout-Out'.  Once again may I ask that plotholders provide material to add to the Website to encourage plotholders to view regularly.
8.0	FEDERATION
	No meetings held or as far as we know planned. We are frustrated by the lack of any communication from the Federation.
9.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
	<ul> <li>A plotholder made a complaint about the use of 'Bad Language' on site. The person indicated has received a warning on future conduct.</li> <li>JH has prepared a list of tasks that are entailed in the role of Secretary, which are broken down into Administration and Site Operations. It is possible the role could be split and undertaken by two people in future. (Copies of the tasks distributed to Committee Members). AH will provide an appeal asking that anyone who is interested in taking on the role to contact him. This will be</li> </ul>

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