

Alers Road Leisure Gardens Association Committee Meeting Minutes - 13 September 2020

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

Min	Item
1.0	OPEN ACCESS
	None
2.0	Minutes of Committee Meetings and Subsequent Notes
	The minutes of the meeting 5 Jan, 16 Feb agreed as a true record. Also Notes on the AGM and those issued on 22 March, 10 May and 12 July reviewed and agreed.
3.0	MATTERS ARISING
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrance drive completed
4.0	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
	It's good we can have a meeting and we all appreciate having a plot at this difficult time. Site looking OK, but a few ploholders causing concern.
5.0	TREASURER'S REPORT
	<p>The P&L shows a loss of £10.4K. This will be mitigated by our invoicing at the end of Sept - £6.7K. Water bill still to be received – expected to be £1.5K. We will probably end the year with a loss of £5-£6K. This should be seen in the light of £7K spent on the entrance drive.</p> <p>We have been informed by the Council that rents for 21/22 will rise by 2p per SqMt. It was agreed we would use our discretion to charge 2p less. Therefore rents for 21/22 would be 38p, 44p OOB.</p>
6.0	PLOTS REPORT
	Currently full site with Waiting list of 7 plus two existing ploholders waiting for specific plots. Next Newsletter will explain that Cultivation Surveys will start in March 21 and if any ploholder feels they are unable to reach the required level of cultivation by that time they must let us know now so the situation can be discussed. Otherwise no exemption can be given.
7.0	SITE REPORT
	We have experienced damage to three water tanks, with holes developing in the bottom – looks like some electro reaction? One replaced, one repaired, one pending a second attempt at repair. We will need to inspect all tanks once the water is turned off and assess what's required.

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8.0	MACHINERY
	One Stihl strimmer with repairer. Agreed that we will get the Atco serviced this winter with any other items we decide need service.
9.0	FEDERATION REPORT
	No meetings held or planned.
10.0	WEBSITE
	High level of hits during Covid lockdown leading to plot requests. Many not materialised when plots became available. Emphasised the need for new content and to keep information up to date.
11.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A letter has been received from John Slater regarding water use by certain ploholders. JH has replied in conjunction with AH. Both the letter and the reply were discussed in detail, and it was agreed that all questions were answered. JS had copied the Council on the letter and the reply was also copied. The Council agreed all points had been answered. There has always been a problem with water in the NW of the site and Committee will investigate if it's possible to install larger tanks to try to alleviate the situation.• JH to pursue the formalisation of the Association's email addresses• JH informed the Committee that he would be retiring as Secretary at the 2021 AGM, but would be happy to continue as Treasurer for a further year if required.• A Newsletter will be distributed with the Invoices• JY pointed out that many forms of wildlife are beneficial to ploholders and should not be eliminated wholesale.
	Meeting Closed at 11.40 Next Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 November 2020