

Alers Road Leisure Gardens Association Committee Meeting Minutes - 23rd July 2023

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

Min	Item	Action
1.0	WELCOME	
	The Chair welcomed everyone and explained meeting brought forward a week early as both Debra and John H would not be available next week.	
2.0	OPEN ACCESS	
	None	
3.0	Previous Meeting	
	The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
4.0	MATTERS ARISING	
	No matters arising,	
5.0	CHAIR'S REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AH mentioned the dry weather we have been having and welcomed the fact we had some continual 'soft' rain yesterday. Although we always complain about the vagaries of the weather, commented that much preferable to the extreme heat they are having on the continent right now. • AH confirmed that Martin Williams is stepping down from the committee due to work and other commitments and would like to thank him for his contributions. 	

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6.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John advised we currently have a deficit of £6K, but will expect an income to be generated of circa £8k once the annual rents are paid in September. However this will improve. Assets of over £16K. See sheet for full details. • Currently we are owed £600 from Castle Water, the previous billing company. JH has informed that a case has been raised with the company and is awaiting an update. Current billing company, Everflow, still insist on manual readings despite a smart meter having been installed. 	
7.0	PLOTS REPORT	
	<p>Plot report for as of 16 July prepared by Debra.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plot 16 – Stacey has now given the half plot up and it has been taken up by Steve Fox, who already had the other half 2. Plot 8 - John Regan was given notice to quit, he has appealed to the local authority, I have not heard anything from them. He has been cleaning up the plot and has done a lot of work on it. 3. Plot 122 – was given notice to quit, met and discussed. ½ plot met the tenancy agreement, so agreed that they would give up ½ the plot. Plot now split into 2. And the back half has now been re-let. 4. We still have 11 on the waiting list. 5. Letters delivered to all those plot holders that had not read or received the email regarding the Anonymous letter 6. Not sure where we are regarding Joe's shed. He spoke to Richard and was clearing it. But I have not heard directly from him and have not had a chance to check if it is still there or not. 	
8.0	SITE REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS commented on the continual poor state of some plots and felt that more should be done in getting action on repeat offenders. • JH to speak with EH to organise a cultivation survey and RS agreed to help EH. 	
9.0	MACHINERY	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mantis that had seized up is now working again, but plot holder should be made aware that it must not be turned upside down when cleaning. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One strimmer, stored on top shelf, not to be lent out as it is proving impossible to remove the head on it. • All the machinery is good now. 	
10.0	PROPOSED ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT	
	Agenda item kept as a placeholder to be discussed, as and when we hear anything further from the Council about their allotment proposals. Still awaiting response from the Council in respect of JH and others counter proposals.	
11.0	FEDERATION REPORT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH has not received any information on progressing the revitalization of the Federation. 	
12.0	SOCIAL MEDIA	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Martin Williams has stepped down from the committee, we are looking for someone to take on this role. • JH to arrange a Shout-Out asking for volunteers and explaining what's required. This also to be included in next Newsletter. 	
13.0	WEBSITE	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Y shared a print out with the stats from the website. The number of hits has come down from a high of 90 in April, to 85 in May and 67 in June. 	
14.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anonymous complaint to the Council. JH informed that the Council had written to him to advise that they had received a handwritten complaint about 'modern day slavery' practise being carried out at Alers Road, which he refuted and though this was a racist question. • AH confirmed that all plot holders have been made aware and the Council advised of our action. The Council replied that the police have been made aware and if we have anything further, then to make the local SNT aware. 	
	<p>Next Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24th September 2023 <p>Future Meeting Dates: 26th Nov 2023 28th Jan 2024 31st March 2024</p>	