

AGM minutes

Minutes of AGM held at the Somer Centre, Midsomer Norton, Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 7pm

Apologies of absence were received from William Newth, Kim Parker, Simon Green, Nick Townhill, Paul Butt, Oliver Davis, Janet and Gerald Payne

Before the meeting started, we had an introduction of new members and they were welcomed into the group and informed that they could ask if they were uncertain about any aspect of their tenancy or the planting of crops.

Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting held on the 27th of October 2017 were proposed by Mike Henton and seconded by Luke Carter.

The accounts of the year to 30 March 2017 were approved, proposed by Adele Draper and seconded by John Dando

The treasurer mentioned that the purchased flame gun could be available for use for the price of the fuel for the discipline of weeds. The cultivator which had been given by John Hall was available for anyone who needed help with their allotment. Requests should be made of the chairman.

The question was asked about the insurance as it applied to the working of the cultivator for example if someone had an accident with it. The treasurer replied that he thought the policy covered public liability but would have a look at the document to see whether cover was in place.... **later.... yes, accidents are covered.**

The chairman explained how the groups of chairs appeared. Someone asked if one of the sets could be placed on the lawn area by the road but it was felt that the chairs would be more likely to be stolen.

The chairman offered to take rubbish to the recycle for those who do not have the means of transport.

It was felt that the trimming of the trees had no effect on the light at the bottom end of the garden

We discussed the theft of strawberries and the breaking open of the sheds. The chairman said that this seem to be pretty mindless because nothing was taken and in the absence of firm clues nothing could be done. This matter will lie on the table. The chairman noted that some people had decided not to lock their sheds to avoid damage and in any event there was very little of value kept in the sheds.

The communal shed continues to be made available for people to store tools, if they don't have their own shed.

Many people requested manure and the preference was for cow manure rather than horse manure and one or two people mentioned that it would be preferable to deliver it in September when people were digging anyway. **NB Dave has promised to deliver manure "Can prob manage it next week will give you a call to arrange". Text 11.02 Wed 17th Oct. I will put a note on the home page of the web site when it arrives. Ed. www.msnallotments.net**

Andy Broadhurst came to the end of his 3 year term and was thanked by everybody for his work. Adele Draper was also thanked for her many years of work and support. **Lee Cooper** offered to be the new treasurer and this was generally accepted. **Paul Manning** offered to be on the committee. **Brian Snellgrove, Luke Carter** and **William Newth** will continue their work of being on the committee. Andy offered to be a normal committee member.

Any other business. questions were raised about the width of the paths particularly at the top of the allotment as they were overcame by various brambles and branches. The Chairman said he would have a word with the people involved.

The idea of a Christmas event was proposed possibly on the allotments and possibly with a barbecue.

After the meet: One or two people said they preferred the Somer Centre for events including the AGM because they found the stairs of the main hall in the town hall to be somewhat tedious. It should be mentioned that there are lifts but the venue will be discussed in committee.

Brian Snellgrove
Secretary and Chairman
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