



Scruton Allotments Association

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Extraordinary General Meeting of available Members

Saturday 13th November 2021

Present: Ian & Janice Powell, Richard Zealley, John Vickers, Will & Hazel Pratt, Elizabeth Davies, Joanna Cresswell, Sue Burnett

Subsequently seen: John Cook, John Cherry.

1. Opportunity taken at annual clear-up to explain what had happened since the untimely death of Chris Snell and where it was thought we should take the Association. Explained that Chris had for many years run the allotments extremely successfully but on his own. Over recent years he had co-opted John V then Ian Powell and then Richard Zealley to help but he still ran and organised the Allotments largely on his own. All members had gone along with this as he was so successful at it. Difficult if not impossible to follow however. JV explained that the remaining co-opted members had had one meeting since his death and decided, with members approval, to continue to run the association until the end of current financial year, end of March 2022, then call an AGM and seek election of new committee if appropriate. During this time we would attempt, as far as possible, to run the Association as originally conceived by the original documents when the association was set up in 2007. Explained that to do this we needed agreement from a Quorum of members which the documents suggested was one third of the current 20 members. As 7 members running plots were present and all agreed then motion was carried. As an aside have subsequently spoken to two further members who also added their agreement.
2. Also sought agreement to change Banks if found necessary as HSBC now closed in Northallerton. In addition, whilst in line with the original constitution two members, Richard and Ian, would be able to sign on the account. However we wished to vary the original constitution and allow only one of them to sign at any one time. All agreed therefore motion carried. Richard can you please mark in some way the original document to reflect this change and the date it was altered. Might also be worthwhile to attach a copy of these minutes?
3. Explained that committee had discussed idea of a memorial to Chris Snell to mark his passion and love of the Allotments and also all the effort he had put into the village since he came to live here so many years ago. All agreed that if possible this should happen. Asked for any ideas anyone had to be put forward for discussion.
4. General discussion then followed to explain that it was the committees view and part of a legacy to Chris that we work to improve the allotments both physically and in their status. With this in mind in the future all half plots to henceforth be termed full plots i.e. 30 plots rather than the previous 15 rents to remain on a pro-rata basis. The committee to work towards providing a shed on each with its own water collection facility.