



## Minutes Meeting

Thursday 18th November 2021

1. Minutes of extraordinary meeting 2 agreed and accepted. Also agreed that agenda and minutes should be made available to all members via website, Richard to organise.
2. Full discussion on future Banking took place agreed that the association should now change banks to one that is still represented in Northallerton. Richard and Ian to liaise and search out one that can accommodate a full electronic capability and no charges. Members to be encouraged to pay electronically directly into bank account wherever possible
3. JV mentioned that insurance renewal had been sent to Jane via e-mail. JV had responded, had got the address changed and asked for details as to what the policy covered. Response was that brokers were working on a better deal (??) and would respond in due course. John V to keep watching brief and report back.
4. Nothing to report on LightRock application except that results of soil sampling were still awaited by Hambleton before any decision made. Watching brief to be kept here and item to be kept on future agendas until outcome known.
5. All still in agreement that some sort of memorial is required to mark Chris's drive and determination to progress the allotments to where they are now. Idea floated by JV following discussions with Bridget that Qtr plot in his name should be relinquished and used as a "Chris Snell memorial plot" with seating, trees and flowers for members to use. John V to write to all members for any further ideas.
6. Richard to have word with Malcolm Barker, (Landlord) to keep him up to speed with what is happening following Chris's death. Also to bounce of him idea of road access from Ham Hall lane with adjoining small car park to aid access for members to plots. Richard to report back. In addition Malcolm to be approached to see if he would be willing to supply seed potatoes for future competitions. With this in mind all agreed that Rishi Sunak should be approached re-joining in next year's potato challenge following his enthusiasm for the project at this year's Village Picnic. Richard to draft letter to Rishi for discussion at the next meeting.
7. Currently have three plots available after taking into account Chris's. Have two people on the waiting list plus a possible third if we can ascertain whom he or she is from Jane Snell as Chris did mention when he was alive that he had had an enquiry. May be worthwhile putting a note out on Network Scruton. JV reported after a talk with John Cherry that the second plot John looks after was only on a "caretaker" basis until a new person is found. Including this therefore our total of 3 plots available increases to 4. The plot map has been re-drawn by JV ready for next year and reflects the spare plots as well as the re-numbering



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to take account of the new regime whereby the “old” plot now becomes two full plots to more correctly reflect the number of members who previously only had a half plot.

8. Thursday March 31, 2022 is the date that all members need to have in mind as it is proposed to hold the AGM in the village Hall. Fine details still to be ironed out but it is intended to be a social gathering possibly with nibbles or food plus a speaker. Details to be finalised at next meeting John V to book Village Hall. Committee to liaise re speaker before next meeting.
9. JV reported that the address Sam Turner had for the Association has now been altered to his own.

### 10. A.O.B

- a. Ian reported that the National Vegetable Society was still in contact. They are to re-commence monthly meetings via Zoom to start with and we could attend. John V to try and make contact with Adrian, the chair of the local group to advise re Chris and to ascertain what we can do as an association with them.
- b. Syd had reported to the committee that he thought to Westerly hedge boundary should be allowed to grow to the same height as the rest of the Boundary hedging to act as a more effective wind-break. Committee agreed with this and notice to be sent to all members and a reminder made for 2022's end of season clear up. Sides to be trimmed but top to be left to grow.
- c. John V reported that the clear-up this year went very well indeed and a thank-you note to all members should be sent. John V to organise.

Next meeting Scheduled for Thursday 27 January 2022 at 7.30pm Venue to be confirmed.