



Scruton Allotments Association

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Meeting Minutes of Annual General Meeting, held at Scruton Village Hall 28th April 2022

ATTENDANCE: ANDREW VENOS, KEN ROSS, RICHARD ZEALLEY, LIZ DAVIES, MARILYN EWART, GEORGE EWART, ERIC HEAP, SANDRA HEAP, JOHN COOKE, JANICE POWELL, IAN POWELL, BRIDGET VICKERS, JOHN VICKERS, SYD NYE.

APOLOGIES: SUE BURNETT

Welcome	Comments
1. Meeting opened at 7.05pm.	Introduction by the current interim chair with a welcome and the request for a minute's applause for our past chair Chris Snell.
2. Chairs report	A brief report was provided as to how things had progressed since October 2021
3. Treasurer's Report	The current interim treasurer provided confirmation that following discussions in October 2021 the old bank a/c with HSBC would be closed and a new A/c be sourced and opened, which is now with Santander. The current A/c stands at approximately £2k. This was helped by the prompt payment by all members of their plot fees, still to pay the landlord for this year's rent and the contribution donated from the collection made at the funeral of Chris Snell. The accounts + minutes from meetings are now on the web site.
4. Update from John Vickers	As a legacy to Chris, it had been proposed that all plots where appropriate should have access to a shed along with some form of water collection, a request was made to members who might hear of or be aware of any shed that might be surplus to make any committee member aware. It had been suggested that an additional entrance be made into the dividing hedge to allow access to each side of the allotment, exactly where this would be is still to be established, and a show of hands was asked for to gauge the members approval. Whilst all members were not present the show of hands concluded 7 for with 4 against, further discussions would take place with other members and a vote taken to be passed by a simple majority. Machinery: reminder to members that they are required to ensure any machinery used is cleaned and filled with petrol. The committee would provide 2 stroke petrol for the strimmer and hedge cutter. The issue over the infestation of rabbits within the site was being resolved.



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<p>5. Memorial to Chris Snell</p>	<p>JV asked the meeting to consider and submit suggestions towards a proper memorial to Chris. Suggestions had been made to: re-name the allotments, take over the quarter plot by the entrance gate to the allotment to become a communal area named in memory of Chris.</p>
<p>6. Election of Officers.</p>	<p>IP as interim secretary started the proceedings of electing the new officers.</p> <p>Current Chair Syd Nye was proposed and seconded and unanimously re-elected.</p> <p>Current Treasurer Richard Zealley was proposed and seconded and unanimously re-elected.</p> <p>Current Secretary Ian Powell was proposed and seconded and unanimously re-elected.</p> <p>John Vickers who is the machinery guru and font of all knowledge was asked to continue in his role and again was unanimously re-elected.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>The meeting closed at 7.40pm and while the guest speaker Joe Lofthouse was setting up for the next part of the proceeding's light refreshments along with a raffle were made available.</p>