



## Meeting Minutes held 16<sup>th</sup> February at the home of John Vickers

**ATTENDANCE: SID NYE, JOHN VICKERS, RICHARD ZEALLEY, LIZ DAVIES, IAN POWELL**

**APOLOGIES: JOE LOFTHOUSE**

Welcome	Comments	Action Points
<b>1. Matters arising from last meeting.</b>	As the secretary had failed to pass on the last minutes the meeting continued with the current agenda.	October 22 minutes to be circulated along with the current ones once completed.
<b>2. Finance</b>	Still issues with HSBC holding £50, RZ was holding £75 back from the GQT evening for petty cash. RZ also to look at opening an additional interest a/c.	
<b>3. GQT report</b>	The event had been a great success, we could have had more of the members attending but it was well supported, the format went well, Andy Venus did well as MC, the raffle made £232 profit, combined with the weighing of the pumpkin and the results for the potato comp the consensus of opinion was that we should look at holding another, but with an alteration to the speakers as LD expressed a request to stand down.	Speakers to be asked could be Phil Braithwaite, Joe Lofthouse + 1 ANO or possibly 2.
<b>4. Additional Manure</b>	AS the compost bins were now completed and had some of the additional manure placed in them a request had been sent out to all members to refrain from taking any manure from them until further notice, a request would be sent to Malcolm for another load of his manure, an offer of horse manure had been received from a contact at Piercebridge but would need collecting, JV had also been contacted regarding chicken manure, LD to place the fleeces in to the bin closest to the communal shed.	
<b>5. Plot increase</b>	Confirmation of the rental increase was to be sent out alongside the date for the AGM, increase had been agreed at £42.50. Invoices would be sent out by RZ with a reminder of the new account details.	



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<b>6. Compost storage</b>	Relating to the bins, the additional compost delivered by Malcom initially was to be placed into the bins and allowed to rot down for next year, unfortunately with all of the compost from one heap being allocated members had started to use some of the manure from the bins, It was agreed that JL would give the talk he had given to a local allotment group relating to the benefits of allowing all manure to rot down before use.	JL to be asked to speak at the AGM.
<b>7. Leaves from the village green.</b>	Unfortunately, the leaves from autumn 2022 had not been delivered, but arrangements would need to be put in place for 2023, access to the bins would be best through Malcolm's field and then along side the fence	Malcolm to be approached for the best options for access.
<b>8. Jobs to the allotment</b>	As there had been no October clean up there was still a need to trim hedges and collect any items that needed to be or could be burnt. Details to be sent out to members.	Suggestion of the last weekend of February
<b>9. Format and date of AGM.</b>	The 30 <sup>th</sup> March was confirmed as the date for the AGM to be held at the village hall. SN had proposed he would stand down as chair, proposal of JV to be new chair, RZ agreed to stand again as treasurer, IP agreed to stand as secretary unless there were any nominations. Format for the evening would be; Introduction and welcome followed by a brief talk by JL on the compost situation and best uses, the AGM would then take place with nomination of offices and details of the last AGM. The committee need to also raise the situation relating to H & S on the allotment	RZ to book the village hall and send out confirmation of the date. IP & SN to investigate H & S documents relating to the use of machinery on the allotment.
<b>10. DONM</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> March venue to be confirmed	To look at details of the AGM and H & S