



## Meeting Minutes Held at East Grange House - 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**ATTENDANCE: RICHARD ZEALLEY, IAN POWELL, JOE LOFTHOUSE, ELIZABETH DAVIES, JOHN VICKERS.**

**APOLOGIES: SYD NYE**

Welcome	Comments	Action Points
<b>1.Minutes of last meeting</b>	Whilst we had several short and impromptu meetings, there were no actual minutes taken.	
<b>2. Finance</b>	RZ gave a full update on the state of the Ass finances which still stand at the total of £1700 after all recent expenditure, RZ has also implemented an easier format for controlling the income & expenditure. Still the amount of £50 in the old HSBC a/c	
<b>3. Potato Comp</b>	Suggestion from JV to expand the weigh-in to include a small 'Food Feast' to include a local chef or chefs using local produce, discussion took place to consider several options and how it could be implemented, JL to speak to chef from Malton Cookery School to gain further advice on format. Dates to be considered Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept or 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Lots to consider not just about the format, suggestion to form a sub-committee to report back.
<b>4. GQT</b>	Following the successful GQT, the decision was to hold a second event possibly on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> November, speakers to be considered different from last year, links with colleagues of JL at RHS, JV to try to contact Adrian Read.	
<b>5. Autumn Tidy/Bonfire</b>	Agreement to fire the existing heap of rubbish prior to piling anymore on to it initial weekend dependent on weather would be 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept, reserve dates 9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> , autumn tidy to be over the w/end of 16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> September	
<b>6. Health &amp; Safety</b>	Following the H&S documents put together by the committee, it has been agreed to incorporate sessions with the following machinery over the weekend of the autumn tidy. Strimmer, rotavators & hedge cutter. JL to oversee with help from Andy Venus, all allotment holders to be encouraged to attend so we can compile a list of those that will be deemed competent in using the equipment.	The following items to be purchased relating to H&S. Disposable ear plugs, set of ear defenders, Safety goggles and or safety visor. 1 <sup>st</sup> aid kit - RZ



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<b>7. Compost bins/ compost</b>	Plans to reorganise the bins to allow easier access to the front of each bin, potential to increase the number of bins to accommodate the increasing options for storing compost, wood chips left by gate to be moved to an available bin, new fleeces to be placed into a bin.	JV to have discussion with Malcolm regarding availability of manure.
<b>8. Solar Farm</b>	It appears that the prospect of the solar farm going ahead have moved forward.	JV to contact the company along with Malcolm to reaffirm their commitment to supporting the village though a community contribution.
<b>9. AOB</b>	JV confirmed the PFC wanted us to undertake the BBQ at the bonfire evening date to be confirmed but possibly the 11 <sup>th</sup> November, IP raised the concern over the fencing and entrance fence/gate & the need to raise a work party to replace the gate post into the allotments, RZ raised the concerns of the water butts to the rear of the communal shed. JV mentioned he had been approached regarding the replacement/refurbishment of an existing shed.	
<b>10. DONM</b>	Given the amount of potential business it was agreed that the next meeting should be on the 7 <sup>th</sup> October, venue to be confirmed.	