



## **Wincheap & District Allotments Association 2018 Annual General Meeting**

Held at the Scout Hall, Heaton Road, Canterbury on 14 November 2018 at 7:30 pm

### **Present:**

#### **Committee:**

**Officers:** John Osborne (Chair); Deidre Hawkes (Vice Chair); Don McFadyen (Treasurer); Sally-Ann Bryan (Social Secretary); Nick Barnes (Site Manager); Peregrine Swann (Minutes Secretary).

**Members:** Norman Evers; Tom Reid;

### **Association Members**

Marshall Eagle; Terry Needham; Eric Marsh; Dave Seagar; Chris Ives; Gillian Northcott Liles; Doreen Kalideen; Penelope Swann;

### **Apologies**

Dave Goddard; Natasha Ives; Dave Applin; Lynn McFadyen; Dave Burton;

### **Chair for the meeting**

**John Osborne (President Alan Makey was unable to attend – did we say this?)**

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the 2017 AGM had been circulated in advance of the meeting and there were no comments or objections. The minutes were duly approved and signed.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the last AGM.

### **Chairman's Report (John Osborne)**

It has been a very mixed year for results due to the extremes of hot, cold, dry and wet weather. The improvements to the community area have been appreciated by all resulting in social events being well attended and enjoyed. The new Site Manager (Nick Barnes) is doing very well in managing the site. The association is financially sustainable; there is however a need for new Trustees; not an onerous position but with previous Trustees having left 3 or 4 replacements are required. The association could also benefit from a few more committee members so Association members are urged to put their names forward. John thanked the committee for their work throughout the past year and also added particular thanks to Chris and Sheryl Ives for their work on the very successful quiz night, Sally-Ann Bryan for all her work for the many social events and Nick Barnes for his site management work and expertise.

### **Treasurer's Report (Don McFadyen)**

Don McFadyen circulated detailed accounts for the Association. The accounts are independently verified by Helen Davies. The income for the year ended 30 September 2018 was £9,701.20 against expenditures of £2,710.18 leaving a surplus of £6,991.02. The accounts remain in a healthy state. A skip has been hired and will be on site tomorrow (15 November) in preparation for the next Community Sunday. Don mentioned that water costs

have increased and we should expect a further demand when the water meters are read in January. We have two insurances; Association Insurance and Allotment Insurance.

### **Site Manager (Nick Barnes)**

Nick mentioned that it has been a fairly quiet year for projects. The maintenance of vacant plots is ongoing. Rubbish has accumulated near the main shed and this tends to attract more rubbish. This will be sorted on the next Community Sunday. The large mound of rubbish on Buck Oast 2 has been nearly cleared. There has been a focus on getting the hedges into a good shape. Once this has been achieved they should be relatively easy to maintain. We have made a saving by not contracting out grass cutting of main paths but if it proves impossible to continue like this maintenance costs will increase. The farmer adjacent to Buck Oast 1 has agreed to cut the hedge that adjoins BO1. The next major project planned is a roof for the pergola in the community area and a tap next to the community shed. The combination locks seem to be working well. Although we do have leaks in the water network it is felt that detecting them would be too expensive when compared to the potential savings. The association newsletter will publish a list of Community Sundays and members are urged to come to these as they help to control maintenance costs, keep the place in good order and coffee and bacon butties are much enjoyed by all those who attend.

### **Competitions Secretary (Sally-Ann Bryan)**

Sally reported that Derek Marsh has left the social committee. The social events this past year have gone well although not too many came to the summer bbq. The money raised from the various events have been ploughed back into the social fund. The quiz night was very successful as was the Halloween Party. The funds collected from the social events should be sufficient to pay for the pergola roof. Sally thanked all those who had given donations and also all those who had helped her with the social events.

### **Election of Committee Members**

Prior to the election of the Committee Members John Osborne stepped out and Tom Reid acted as provisional Chair. Once elected John Osborne stepped back in.

The following members were proposed and seconded for the positions shown below:

#### **Officers**

Chairman	John Osborne
Vice Chairman	Deidre Hawkes
Site Manager	Nick Barnes
Treasurer	Don McFadyen
Membership Secretary	David Applin
Social Secretary	Sally-Ann Bryan
Minutes Secretary	Peregrine Swann
IT and Communications Secretary	Nick Barnes

All nominations were accepted.

### **Other business**

As reported last year there is a need for new Trustees (the need is now more urgent). To note there are currently 4 Trustees: Peter Sudell, John Osborne, Laura Maclean and Derek Marsh. John Osborne will stay as a Trustee and potential new Trustees include Nick Barnes, Dave Applin, Damien Boden and Amie Reid. There will need to be changes but it is planned that both outgoing and incoming Trustees can be handled with a single document to save the considerable expense of making even minor changes to the legal documentation. It was explained to those who might be interested in becoming Trustees that there was no financial burden involved. The role of a Trustee is to oversee the working of the Committee and the

Association. The role includes deciding how to distribute any monies to members in the (unlikely) case of the Association winding down.

Doreen Kalideen agreed to be our representative to the National Allotment Society.