

NORTH OUTFALL ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the AGM meeting 8th November 2017 7.30pm Bilton Cricket Club

Apologies

Peter Sanderson, Scott Turner, Jane Wood, Mark Nichols, Ivan Prok

Minutes of the last AGM meeting 27th October 2016

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record and there were no matters arising

Proposed by Andy Nicholls

Seconded by Fran Gelder

Chairman's report

Thoughts and acknowledgement were given to the sad passing of David Duff our sincere condolences to the family he will always be a part of our allotments and is greatly missed by all who knew him a true gentleman with spirit and character.

LGS (Local Green Space)

December 2016 we were notified that NOAA had not been allocated LGS however we have submitted again thanks to David Gelder for his help in compiling an application report to the council we have now had notice that our site amongst others that we have been recommended for LGS in the latest draft of the Harrogate plan the recommendations will be put to the councillors at the meeting on Wednesday 15th November we will send out the update as soon as we have it. Les Jacques proposed a vote of thanks to all involved in the fight for LGS at NOAA

New 2Metre high fence replaced the old chain link fence of the northern boundary finances are referred to in the treasurer's report.

Compost and wood chip was delivered free to the association hopefully more will be available again this coming spring updates will be sent out as soon as we have a delivery date.

Bilton Gala thanks were given to all who provided donations and to those who helped set up and man the stall the financial outcome is in the treasurer's report.

HDAF Allotment Show was held on Sunday 20th August In the Sun Pavilions Valley Gardens £725.00 was donated to a local charity “Open Country” NOAA had significant winners and once again we are proud to be voted The Best Site in the federation for the 5th year running thanks to all for making our site no 1

BBQ was held Sunday 27th August it was a memorable success and we will most definitely be having one again next year thanks to all who baked and cooked on the day.

Recently replaced the top gate on Bachelor Gardens

The manure scheme is now up and running thanks to James Nicholls AKA Mr.Muck enquiries to manure@noaaharrogate.org.uk

Treasurers report

At the end of the year we had £3624.89 in the bank and £61.64 cash in hand.

There was an outstanding cheque of £340.00 and we held £160.00 in member's key deposits (we started charging £10.00 refundable key deposit to new members with a proposal for existing tenants to also pay as so many people were leaving without returning the gate key) and one tenant prepaid £24.00 rent. At the end of the year we therefore had £3162.53 at our disposal.

During the past year we have replaced the northern boundary fence at a cost of £12,506.40 this was possible because of a generous grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery, £1,000 from Bilton Gala Fund, £500. From Councillor Andrew Goss and a commuted sum of £208.80 from Harrogate Borough Council. Our contribution to the fence was £797.60 we had a mandate from last years AGM to spend up to £1,000 on the fence.

We have also replaced the top gate Bachelor Gardens at a cost of £340.00 and bought a new gazebo for £115.00

We had a stall at Bilton Gala this year from which we netted a profit of £310.00 this with the success of the BBQ more than paid for the gate.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the events we will be looking to repeat them next year.

We are proposing that rents remain the same this year as last year, except that as agreed at the 2012 AGM meeting there will no longer be concessions to pensioners.

The members granted the endorsement for this proposal.

At last years AGM it was suggested that we look into the possibility of applying for a Lottery Grant to pay for grass protectors to be laid in order that vehicles could be allowed on site all year round. As the cost was going to be in excess of £12,000 we didn't consider that we could put a good enough case to the Big Lottery Fund to stand any chance of success and therefore didn't proceed with the application.

We will however look into other ways and methods of making the grass paths more accessible this will be taken to a special general meeting and discussed updates will be sent out as soon as we have made further enquiries.

A member mentioned a site-composting toilet again we will of course keep this an open option for future funding possibilities.

Membership Secretary's report

All plots are let total of 79 plots plus the manure plot 80 plots in total on site

We have a very healthy waiting list of 16 this is thanks to our website and face book page

This time round a number of plot holders were not granted renewal of their tenancy due to not maintaining their plots to the standard required by the council (Not mine!) and therefore were asked to leave this is something that we have to do in order to maintain and keep our site to the required standard of cultivation and respect to future tenants.

If you have any concerns or are finding it difficult to manage your plot please contact the secretary and we will look at making it more manageable for you secretary@noaaharrogate.org.uk she's a friendly soul and happy to help.

Website update Web administration report

The website is currently costing £34.98 for the year

Work has begun behind the scenes on a revamp of the site and I'm hoping to achieve this by the end of the year, this will include a more mobile friendly site with hopefully a up to date site map to make it easier to find committee members and the communal areas and a recipe file for when we all end up with a glut of produce any ideas or recipes welcome please email me Scott Turner webadmin@noaaharrogate.org.uk

Gate locks and keys

Quotes for new locks and keys were put to the members but unfortunately a decision was not made we will therefore take this to a special general meeting for further investigation to costs and moving forward with replacing the gate locks and keys.

Updates will be sent out as soon as we have agreed a way forward.

In the meantime can you please be patient and if you have any major problems accessing the site please contact me Fiona Walker secretary@noaaharrogate.org.uk apologies for this delay in getting it sorted out

New communal shed for the picnic area

A vote of all in favour was passed for us to buy a new shed to be erected at the bottom end of the main path in the picnic area we are still in the process of costing it and getting quotes as soon as we have a fixed price we will send out an update thank you for you vote of approval it will make a big difference in storage of a mower and coffee morning facilities.

Election of officers and committee members

The following members are elected and happy to stand for the next year on the committee

Chairman David Gelder

Vice Chairman Fran Gelder

Treasurer Peter Sanderson

Membership Secretary / Secretary Fiona Walker

Web Administration Scott Turner

Manure Scheme James Nicholls

Committee member Robin Adderly

No nominations were put forward from the floor but if you are interested in helping us to run the site and join our merry gang please contact the Chairman David Gelder

chairman@noaaharrogate.org.uk

Under the terms of the rental/self-management agreement with HBC we are required to appoint three trustees

Peter Sanderson, Fiona walker and David Gelder are prepared to stand as trustees.

Presentation of the Bill Lodge trophy

Third place Carole Croxford

Second place Phil Sibson

First place Fiona Walker

Any other business

Seed catalogues if you are placing an order please can you make sure they are returned to Peter Sanderson no later than December 7th either hand them to any committee member or stick them through his letter box 7 Brook Close Harrogate

A suggestion to contact Yorkshire Water regarding the pot holes on the bottom end of Bachelor Gardens outside the main gate we will make enquiries and let the members know the outcome as soon as we have made contact.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm