



Annual General Meeting

10 March 2020 at
OneSpace Kidbrooke

Chairs' update - Bob:

Welcome to the AGM.

Open invitation to attendees to add items to agenda.

Agenda items currently tabled for discussion: update on accounts, state of the site, coffee mornings, rents and shop update.

Welcome to new members this past year.

Special thanks is extended to Anna Laine for running our regular monthly coffee mornings.

Thanks to current members of the Committee whose work often remains unseen by the community but ensures that site is maintained, rents collected, shop services provided and turnover of plot holders happens in an orderly manner.

2019/20 Committee membership confirmed as: Bob Tyrer, Chair; Annabel Cowell, Treasurer; Evy Hoyte, Site Officer; John Payne, Shop Manager; Jane Sheldon, Waiting List Officer; Emma Creasey, Comms and interim Secretary.

Committee Membership 2020/2021 - Bob:

Current members duly re-elected.

Nominations from John and seconded by Jane:

Michael Green

Stuart Mulholland

George Siskos

Duly elected to Committee

Membership Update - Jane:

There are 105 plots on our site. Site survey will be carried out in the coming weeks and vacated plots will be offered out to the waiting list.

Plot sizes vary from 2 - 10 rods. Where practical plots 10 rods and above are divided but the aim is to keep a balance of sizes that can meet the needs of as many people as possible.

Shop and Tools Update - John:

The shop currently holds a cash balance of £500 to cover ad hoc expenses including repair and maintenance for tools and the site.

A loan of £657.72 was extended to the shop to cover the purchase of stock items including canes, compost and manure. This will be repaid as the stock is purchased during the year.

The shop has a new rotavator to loan out as required.

John will continue to monitor requests for new tools and propose any new purchases based on these requests.

Shop opening hours remain as per last year.

A reminder that mowers and strimmers are available to plot holders during the weekends when the shop is open. This equipment is maintained by John with fuel and expertise on their use also provided. The stock of tools has diminished as a result of previous break-ins but please ask if there is something specific that you require as we may be able to help.

Finances - Annabel:

2018 audited accounts received. Should site members wish to review these please contact a Committee member for a copy.

Current snapshot of finances the bank balance is £21,960.11, of which £17,839.29 relates to the main account and the balance (£4,120.82) relates to the reserve account.

The majority of transactions since the last audit simply relate to BAU e.g. rental income and running costs (insurance, water allotment association membership).

There are two ad hoc items one that relates to the purchase of equipment (£150) and the other was the purchase of stock for the shop totalling £657.72.

Site - General Discussion:

Emma and Jane have tried to find a contractor who will manage our site boundaries without success. It was agreed that plot holders working together could tackle most of this work without expense.

It was agreed that we would manage and arrange weekend site clear ups where we can work together to cut back overhanging trees and manage the maintenance of the site.

The first tidy up is scheduled for the coming weekend (14 - 15 March) with a follow up scheduled for 4 - 5th April.

Jurek raised the matter of the inactive wind turbine. Some general discussion followed regarding how best to investigate a fix for this. Vicky Smith agreed to see if she could find any contractors who could quote on repair.

Rents - general discussion:

Reminder that rents are due by 1 April they remain unchanged once again.

Posters are already up on site as a reminder.

Facebook and newsletters will be sent as additional reminders.

Cash/cheques will not be taken by members of the Committee. All rent to be paid into the bank by plot holders or by bank transfers.

Security - general discussion:

Petty theft and instances of anti-social behaviour continue to be a low level problem on site. It was agreed that the Committee would investigate the possibility of installing trial cameras as a deterrent.

Notice Board - general discussion:

It is difficult to arrange updates to the notice board as we only have one key. It was agreed to purchase a secure key box to be located in the shop so that the notice board can be more readily updated.

Thomas Tallis Old Site:

There has been some activity on this site suggesting that Greenwich are close to making a decision regarding redevelopment. The Committee will try and follow up with Greenwich regarding plans.

Asset of Community Value:

In light of the pressure on land for building houses it was agreed that we should pursue registration of the site as an ACV.