

WOBURN SANDS & DISTRICT ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 28/03/19 at 7.30pm at the Ellen Pettit Memorial Hall, Woburn Sands

Present: 44 Shareholders and 3 Tenants attended

1) Welcome and Apologies for Absence

a) Colin Smith opened the Meeting and welcomed everyone for attending.

b) Apologies received from the following: V Russell, V Symon, V Fordham, V Kelsey, J Roberts, P Hamer, T & M Templeman, M Lyons, R Lanyon-Hogg, J Williams, P Goodwin, T Gale, I McTaggart & C Graves-Morris

2) Minutes of last AGM Meeting

Updates provided on gate next to Tidbury Close and that Bonfire Permit's is now on-line via website.

Retrospective vote regarding confirming Paul Hamer as Honorary Auditor was passed.

Proposed: A Malleson

Seconded: G Youngman

Minutes were approved.

Proposed: D Cox

Seconded: R Forrester

3) Chairman's Report

Colin advised that a number of members had been affected by petty thefts and vandalism. Some of the items taken have included a small gate, green house stanchions, green house base, gutters, gutter brackets and a wheelbarrow. Members were asked to notify committee members if they have items stolen.

A skip will be on site over the Easter weekend, Members asked to ensure no wood or compostable items are placed into it. Also a request to leave any metal items at the side of the skip as R Hansard is arranging for metal items to be collected separately.

4) Treasurer's Report

Phil advised that previous auditor charge had increased from £300 to £1300. Motion to stop using Keens Shay Keens with Phil dealing directly with FCA and to have a honorary auditor going forward. Motion passed.

Proposed: P Rutt **Seconded: B Burns**

The annual accounts will be available on the Website. Total bank balance stood at £6480 in Bank which included approx. £4844 of grant monies that need to be spent by this time next year or paid back to MK Council. P Hamer has audited the accounts. The accounts were approved and passed.

Proposed: P Rutt **Seconded: D Biles**

Request for a volunteer to hold office as the honorary auditor until next year's AGM. Graham Youngman was proposed and approved.

Proposed: R Forrester **Seconded: D Biles**

5) Matters raised by Members

- a. Defer pole charge increase for year 2019/20. Motion passed. **Proposed by: P Rutt. Seconded by: H Forrester**
- b. Constitution and Bylaws will no longer be distributed in printed format but will be available via the website. Motion passed. **Proposed: C Smith. Seconded: J Wiemer**
- c. Update Constitution to reflect changes for honorary auditor.
 - i. Remove 11c)
 - ii. Amend 38. Delete '*second Monday in January*' and replace with '*by end of January*'.

Motion passed. **Proposed: C Smith. Seconded: P Rutt.**

6) Election of Officers and other Management Committee Members

Chairman - Colin Smith stood for re-election.

Vice Chairman – Jeff Wiemer stood for re-election.

Secretary – Helen Forrester stood for re-election.

Treasurer - Phil Rutt stood for re-election.

4 other Members stood for re-election – **Trevor Templeman, Roger Hansard, Graham Amphlett and Dave Cockerill**

It was proposed to vote en-masse for the re-election of the whole committee and this was approved.

Proposed: D Biles

Seconded: G Youngman

7) Any Other Business

H Stannard advised that the Methodist Church will be running a Community Garden & Craft Competition on 22nd June, and allotment members may like to enter. Notices will be displayed from 1st May.

G Robinson raised issue that plots A105b, A157, A129 & A130 have significantly further to walk to a water butt and asked for an extra tank to be installed near those plots. Committee agreed to look at this.

S Morris asked whether surplus vegetables could be sold to benefit our coffers or for charity. Chairman advised that pumpkins are already grown and sold for charity. G Youngman stated there is a stand outside the barn at Edgewick Farm and allotment members can leave surplus vegetables there if they wish. An honesty box is available for any money raised to go to Edgewick Farm.

D Biles thanked the committee members for their work over the last year. Thanks were also received prior to the meeting from V Symon & J Williams

8) Date and Time of next AGM Meeting

Date of 2020 AGM was proposed as either Thursday 19th or 26th March 2020 at 7.30pm depending on hall availability..

Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.