

THE MARLOW ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee meeting Wednesday 12th March 2019

Present :- F. Tillier (Chair), S. Miller (Secretary),

(Committee Members) P. Cooper, D. Bagge, Mr J. Stilliard (Minutes) & Juliette Chanoir

1. **Apologies for absence:** M Talbot (Treasurer).
2. **Appointment of Minutes Secretary.** -John Stilliard was appointed
3. **Minutes of last Committee Meeting held 09.01.20** - These were approved.
4. **Matters arising from these minutes.** - No matters were raised.
5. **Treasurers report.** –
The treasurer's report was tabled and accepted.
6. **Vacant Plots** There are 2 vacant plots at FP, and 9 at HH. There is one person who is viewing a plot and another one waiting for a plot. There are 119 members – giving an average across both sites of 53%.
The interest from articles promoting vacant plots in the local paper and MyMarlow had been very successful; there will be an article in the Marlovian.
7. **Events .** - It was agreed that there would be a BBQ at HH in April and a Midsummer BBQ. Mr Richard Bailey is prepared to do a Dahlia talk in August at FP. A seed/seedling exchange was agreed to be held on the 2nd May between 1400-1600 at FP outside the hut. It will be for swapping plants, seedlings and seeds. For **those** who have nothing to swap donations can be made. **Action S M to produce and post notices for this event.**
8. **Website -** JC reported that there are 36 followers. It was agreed that a there would be a post on the website and Facebook about vacant plots, the availability of blue water butts and the woodchip bay at HH.
9. **Newsletter** - SM asked those present who had anything specific for it should email her with it. It was agreed to distribute it in April/May:-
10. **Neglected plots.** - SM reported that both sites would be reviewed in week beginning 03 April. She asked that she was to be made aware of any plot holder with problems such as illness or other reason. She will go round HH with the MTC representative, FT will accompany them when the FP site will be inspected.
11. **Parking Areas.-** SM reported that she was trying to get another Car park area created at HH near the Berwick road area. It will require terrain textile to be put down with grit on top of that and it was agreed that she should get the costs for this work to be done and then approach MTC for funding.
12. **AOB**
WATER SM said that the water should be switched on the week after the meeting so that leaks could be checked for. SM will switch on HH & MTC will contact FT to do FP.
FP PLAYGROUND AREA. There has been no developments on the FP Playground area.
CORONA MTC have said that they may not allow people into their offices; contact should be by email or phone.
JUDGING. MTC has a list of local judges; once we have dates notices will be put up. The dates are expected to be in May/June.

LOCKS. MTC have replaced one lock at HH and 2 at FP. There has been good feedback on the new padlocks.

COMPETITION. PC suggest a competition based on 'What I'm going to do on the allotment this year' with a prize of seed packets to be run on Facebook.

13. **TRUCK BODY.** It was agreed that the truck body at HH should be removed by its owner. =

15. **Dates of next meeting.** -The next meeting would be on the 18th June at the Orchard in HH if weather is dry.