

Rowhedge Allotment Association Committee Meeting Minutes

28th September 2015, 19:30

Ye Olde Albion, Rowhedge

Present:

Dave Palmer (**DP**) Vice Chairman
Mal Greenleaf (**MG**) Secretary
Anne Jones (**AJ**) Treasurer
Christian Langlois (**CL**) Membership Secretary
Libby Arnold; Rosemary Pepper; Jake Murrells;
Meg Prolingheuer; Penny Stuart; Lee Thurlow; Paul Warner

Apologies: Paddy Adams (**PA**) Chairman; Joy Magna

Abbreviations/pronouns:

- The terms "we" & "our" refer to the **RAA** &/or the **RAA** committee unless otherwise stated.
- **PC** refers to the Parish Council

Opening

DP opened the meeting by welcoming all the attendees and collating apologies.

Matters Arising:

It was mentioned that not all members had been receiving email updates, **CL** noted email addresses and these will be added. Those that had seen minutes from last meeting agreed that they are a true reflexion of the meeting and all items were either closed or on the agenda for this meeting.

Social

DP explained there had been plenty of offers of assistance. There will be vegetarian option cooked on a separate BBQ. Start time will be 16:30.

Site Group:

Paul Warner wishes to leave the site group. **CL** Went on to explain he had a complaint about an uncultivated plot but there is no longer a site group and it needs re-establishing. A discussion was started as to the extent of cultivation required and **CL** explained all information could be found on the web site. **CL** asked for volunteers and Penny Stuart, Rosemary Pepper, Libby Arnold and Meg Prolingheuer all volunteered and Paul Warner Stepped down.

Treasurer's Report:

AJ presented a signed copy of the accounts:

- Stated that there was £3437.00 in the account.
- The **RAA** has a Small reserve for repairs and replacements as needed.
- Explained our sources of income were rent and membership fees, then outlined expenditure as per the statement.(copy attached)

AJ went on to read a proposal for a standing finance committee (see attached), all voted in favour of a standing finance committee and the following were proposed as members

AJ, PA, Sally Jowers, Jake Murrells, Paul Warner, DP.

Proposed by **AJ** and seconded by **DP** with a unanimous vote in favour.

AJ then explained that she will be stepping down as treasurer next year and asked for members to consider taking up the post as it would give them a chance to learn the role. **AJ** explained there was a simple spreadsheet to keep updated. **DP** asked if there were any volunteers and nobody volunteered.

Membership Secretary's Report:

CL Stated that the waiting list was at a low level, 5 on the list, four of whom is are considered inactive and the other member already holds a half plot.

CL went on to explain we need more members to be on the list as there is a risk that we could end up with vacant plots that will sit uncultivated.

Poultry:

A copy of the drafted Poultry Policy was made available and CL explained there was a requirement for this policy so all plot holders are aware of the standards expected. All poultry is to be registered with the Membership Secretary before they are homed on a plot. There was a vote on the policy and all voted in favour.

Any Other Business:

- **AJ** requested £20.00 to buy a bottle of whiskey for Roger Gooding the accountant and all agreed.

DP set the date of the next meeting, Monday the 23rd of November, 19:30 at the Albion.

Meeting closed at 21:15