

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE POVEREST ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL 2019 AT 7.30PM

IN THE ALLOTMENT SHED

PRESENT: Committee: Bill Whatley, Chairman; Derek Fry, Secretary; Mary Cooke; Shirley Gore  
Anne Robarts; Sam Whatley.

Members: Jacky & Martin Liddiard; Geoff & Sandra Swallow; Paul & Karen Shephard;  
Padma & Raine Ranasinghe; Joy Waugh; June & Graham Garnett;  
Tim & Pam Mercer; Anne Robarts; Julie Groves; Paul Greenslade.

APOLOGIES: John O'Connell, Treasurer; Brian Harris; Alison & Colin Chatterway.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th April 2018 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

2. MATTERS ARAISING

Nil.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed all and thanked them for coming.

"We had a good year apart from a couple of burglaries, we've managed to refurbish the Toilets, we've returned a few plots that were overgrown back to lettable plots, including the compost area which will be two half plots.

Moving forward, this year Bromley Council will be issuing new, 25 year, leases, and mean that we will need to register the Association as a company limited by guarantee. This will require Directors to be appointed. We will give you more details as and when we hear.

I'd like to thank all members of the committee for their hard work, especially Mary Cooke, who has been serving on the committee for many years and is now standing down. Also Anne Robarts, our previous Secretary, for all her hard work.

As of next year, when rents are due, there will be an increase, our first for five years. This increase is due to the high water bills we are now receiving and the refurbishment costs. The new charges will be £61.00, + £4.00 BALGF Levy, for a full plot and £30.50, +£4.00 BALGF Levy, for a half plot. Additionally the 50% OAP discount will discontinue for new members.

As at the date of the meeting there were seven half plots vacant".

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

A copy of the audited Accounts distributed to all members.

Rents received up to 31/12/18 amounted to £4266.11 up from £3729.25.

Shop Sales were £805.89 giving a net income of £245.98 against £170.84 in 2017.

Water bill amounted to £1151.8 against £ 902.05 in 2017. The water bill continues to be an issue since Castle Water took over from Thames Water, not just for us but for other allotments within BALGF. The usage during the period 4/7/18 to 30/12/18 has not been charged to date. We estimate this will cost approximately £200.

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The damage to the machine shed arising from the break-in resulted in costs to repair the roof and fit anchor points/gate locks of £450. We replaced the machines stolen costing -strimmer £219, Rotovator £150, brush cutter £299.

A JCB was hired, for the last time, to push back the compost heap at the lower end of the site at a cost of £300. This area will now form 2 half plots for letting.

At close of year the bank balance was £ 1212.74.

The Accounts were audited and signed off by Brian Cooke, we thank him for his time which was given free of charge for which we are most grateful.

### 5. ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

The meeting unanimously adopted the accounts.

### 5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

In expectation of our migration to a limited company it was agreed that the existing Officers and Committee, with the exception of Mary Cooke, will remain in place until an Extraordinary General Meeting to appoint the company Directors can take place.

The election of Mr. Graham Garnett to the committee was proposed by the Chairman and Seconded by Anne Robarts. Graham was elected unanimously by the members present.

### 6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Brian Cooke had indicated that he was willing to continue as Independent Examiner and was appointed.

### 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Shirley Gore asked the meeting if she should investigate the use of Smartwater Security Marking for the Allotments. She agreed to find out the cost to members for having their equipment security marked.

It was suggested that the use of water butts be encouraged to reduce our water bills. The committee agreed to include this in the next news letter.

### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15th April 2020 at 7 30pm.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Committee was proposed and carried forward.