

# Minutes of Poverest Allotment Committee meeting

Held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 10:30 in The Shed.

Present: Bill Whatley (BW) Chairman, John O'Connell (JO'C) Treasurer, Sam Whatley (SW) Membership Secretary, Derek Fry (DF) Secretary, Graham Garnett (GG), Denis McCarthy (DM).

Apologise: Bob Vine (BV)

## **1. Minutes of last Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Agreed as correct record.

## **2. Matters arising**

None

## **3. Mary Cooke**

The Chairman expressed both his own, and those of all the committee's, sadness at the passing of Mary. Mary was a long time committee member and former Chairman of the Allotments. In her role as a Bromley Councillor she was always a strong supporter of Allotments within the Borough. She will be sadly missed.

## **4. Performance Vs Budget**

There was a balance at the bank of £103.37 as at 31/12/2021. This represents an excessive of expenditure over income of £2082.43 for last year. There will be no liability to Corporation Tax.

As at 28/1/2022 the balance at the bank was £3134.54 with £2760.00 in the deposit account. 50% of 2022 rents have now been received. The low payment percentage is in part due to some plot holders finding it difficult to pay the rent and the deposit in one lump sum. It was agreed that those who are having difficulties may pay in three instalments spread over January, February and March.

## **5. Site Managers Report**

BW has made 14 of the water tank covers and needs to make a further

4. GG and DF volunteered to assist with the fitting.

The council tree surgeons have removed the dead trees, leaving the stumps in place to protect the boundary.

It was agreed to pollard the trees on the weekend of 19/20 February. SW to include in next news letter a request for volunteers. JO'C to buy an additional long-reach lopper.

Plots 22b and 23b need clearing prior to being re-let. DF agreed to carry this out.

The waiting list is currently 11 and there are 8 plots ready to re-let, although some of these have been requested by existing plot holders.

## **6. AOB**

Some plots holders have been expressing disquiet at the edict requiring them to fence in their ponds. JO'C explained that even if the plot holder was willing to "take responsibility" for any accidents on their plots there was still the possibility that the directors of the company could be sued. For this reason the ruling must remain.

SW will shortly be distributing a newsletter. This will include details of works done by committee members over the last year.

BV has volunteered to take over the weed letter inspections. DF volunteered to assist.

Date of next meeting: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 10:30 in the Shed.