

Osney, St Thomas & New Botley Allotments Association Committee Minutes 9 August 2022 (Held using Zoom)

Attending:

Nick Jackson (Secretary, BM)

Anne James (TPM, Committee Chair)

Verity Wilson (TPM)

Cathy Stewart (Treasurer, TPM)

Paul Robinson (TPM)

Gigi Horsfield (BM)

Pól Ó Ceallaigh (BM)

Juliette Sargeant (TPM)

Mark Gower (TPM)

Apologies:

Beth Hogben (BM)

Feedback from AGM

- No contentious issues were raised – meeting went off well
- Attendance was small – but it was a Sunday evening in holiday season.
- Good financial position reported
- Glad to be able to have a physical AGM after two years of Zoom
- Issues of rats was brought up but Verity provided a good explanation of what was being done

BM update:

- Nearly full – just 1½ plots available
- No major issues to report – everyone behaving sensibly
- All committee welcome at the forthcoming BM summer BBQ – Saturday 20 Aug 1pm onwards (Plot 59)

TPM update:

- Leaking troughs are a problem
- Asbestos problem – ongoing. Council involved in clearing up. Anne put in applications to both councillors and they have each contributed £500.
- Uncultivated plots – 14 unrented and overgrown. 20 letters have gone out to others. TPM group are considering how to bring these back into cultivation. Suggest covering with weed fabric until they are re-rented. Association funds can cover this – Cathy to look at wholesale cost
- TPM will look into possibly reviving working parties
- Nick to look into NAS guidance on reviving overgrown plots and circulate
- Anne to organise a TPM group meeting

Plans for rent payment in September:

- Verity will hover while others accept rent payment – so that she can corner those who need to be spoken to about lack of cultivation
- Verity will provide a list of which members need to be redirected to speak to Verity before they pay
- Nick and Verity will work together on producing a marked list prior to the first collection Sunday
- Need to update member records to make sure we have some form of contact details for each
- Nick will Doodle committee to put a rota together to cover all three Sundays
- Card only – no cash accepted
- Association Bring & Share on 11 Sept (after rent collection). Planning on keeping it simple – people bringing their own food etc.
- Anne will circulate draft invitation email for comment

AOB:

- Finances – nothing much has changed since the AGM – around £12K in account.
- Cathy is organising to get Phil added to Metro Bank account.

- Shop coordination – Juliette hasn't had much feedback on this. Juliette will contact current volunteers and see if they can organise job sharing – some form of collective
- Will discuss at the next TPM group meeting
- Bonfires – OCC haven't issued a ban yet, but we may need to bring one in on each site. Nick to send out an email to members, advising members to turn rubbish on plots to avoid rats etc.
- Also a reminder to members that WhatsApp groups are only for allotment-related matters.

Next meeting:

- Nick to Doodle poll for next meeting