



# **CAPEL ST MARY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION**

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## **Capel St Mary Allotments Association Annual General Meeting - Sunday 7 April 2019**

### **34 people attended the meeting**

Charles Heath opened the meeting and welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting of the Capel St Mary Allotments Association and thanked everyone for coming.

Charles said 2018 had been a quieter year compared with the last couple of years when we celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> year and took part at the Suffolk Show where we achieved a gold medal and Best in Show.

But there is still the Site to maintain, the Sales Hut to run, the Seed and Potato Schemes to organise, the BBQ to plan, the Flower and Produce Show to organise, the IT and Website to keep up to date, Rents and Membership fees to collect, the Accounts to record, Group Visits to Site to arrange, Committee Meetings to attend and minutes to be written and meetings at the Suffolk Society of Allotments and Parish Council to attend.

Charles also welcomed our guest Chris Matthews, Chairman of the Parish Council.

The format of the AGM will follow that of previous years. Everyone should have copies of the Notice of AGM and audited accounts. It is to be hoped that all should have had time to read the reports contained in the Notice of AGM. The reports contain a wealth of information on the activities of last year. The general committee meets 6 times a year and the executive committee meets 5 times a year and plus this AGM means that we are discussing all aspects of running the Allotments Association throughout the year.

Please raise any questions you may have under item 5 on the agenda or under general discussion item 8.

As is normal for the AGM our president takes the chair for the meeting. Charles Heath welcomed Steve Baker.

### **1. President's Address**

The president congratulated everyone on the condition of the site and mentioned the high standards of the association, not only on the plots but in other areas such as the website. Steve said the association was a great example of "Community in action". He said it was good that there was such a strong link between the association and the Parish Council and thanked Chris Matthews, the Chairman.

### **2. Minutes of 15 April 2018**

The minutes were displayed on the Hut notice board and circulated by email. It was proposed to adopt them as an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposer Wendy Russell                      Seconder Martyn Dowsett

Passed unanimously

### 3. Matters Arising

There were no matters to be discussed.

### 4. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for 2018

Geoff Cox, Treasurer, thanked Malcolm Fenn for completing the audit and for preparing the accounts. Geoff explained that membership fees were decreasing due to the number of members declining. He was asked if the water on site was metered as not on the accounts and he explained that this cost was a Parish Council expense.

It was proposed to adopt the accounts

Proposer Colin Osborne                      Seconder Graham Leach

There was one abstention

Passed unanimously

### 5. Questions to Executive Officers and Committee Members on their reports. Please see reports in AGM notice, also general discussion under item 8

- a. A question was raised about environmental work carried out in the nature area.
  - PB explained that the area was cleared at the Autumn Work In and been tidied. We were still having visits (Robins / Boxford Garden Club) and encouraged people to adopt areas not suitable for growing veg for similar purposes.

### 6. Proposals (if any)

There were no proposals.

### 7. Election of Officers, Committee and Auditor

Steve Baker, President, introduced this item.

The following have agreed to serve the Capel St Mary Allotments Association in the capacities as shown:

Chairman	Charles Heath	General Secretary	Philippa Brandon
Treasurer	Geoff Cox	Stores Manager	Graham Whybrow
Site Manager	Dennis Smith	Seed Scheme Mgr	Phil Hickley
Membership Sec	Geoff Cox	Show Secretary	Wendy Russell

All the above to be Ex-Officio members of the General Committee, which shall also include Graham Leach, David Armitage, Angie Armitage and Martyn Dowsett

SB read out the names and positions of committee members and asked them to identify themselves.

It was proposed to vote them in en bloc

Proposer Tara Smith                      Seconder Jackie Copp

The vote was carried unanimously

Malcolm Fenn was proposed as Auditor

Proposer            Mike Garrod                      Secoder            Brian Ellul

The vote was carried unanimously

## **8. General Discussion**

- a. What is going to be in the new hut?
  - DS explained it was to be used for Committee Meetings, social events, tea /coffee and general use by allotment holders.
- b. When is it going up?
  - No definite date but shuttering for the foundations was laid at the Work Inn
  - Possibly within the next 3 months.
  - We do have planning permission to go ahead.
- c. Bees – can they be kept on site?
  - It was explained we had had a request two years previous which was investigated fully with the Parish Council and the conclusion was that it was too big a risk to have them on site.
- d. Do we get muntjacks on site?
  - a. Yes we do and the only way to stop it would be to build a higher fence!
- e. Futures Events:
  - Suffolk Show – 29/30 May
  - Capel Fun Day – 8 June 2018 – we will again have a stall with a display / games
  - Village Scarecrow competition – Capel Allotment s to have one on site.
  - BBQ – 27 July
  - Autumn Work Inn 13 October
- f. Annual Show 7/8 September
  - Schedules have been sent out with a new layout this year.
  - There were a few changes to categories, 3 age ranges in Children’s Competition, a new sponsor in Mike Gilson with Rose Bowl for garden roses
  - Steve Baker encouraged all to enter something into the Dhow.
  - Reminded all about the online entries
- g. Dennis Smith thanks all those who attended the work in, great work was done by all.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- a. Thanks were given to Brenda Heath for organizing the draw, Graham Whybrow and Di Leach for the food and arranging the bar.
- b. Martyn Dowsett reminded all about Facebook page.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm