

Capel St Mary Allotments Association

Ad Hoc Executive Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2020

The meeting was held in the open air and followed social distancing regulations.

Present CH, GC, GW, DS, PB

There were no apologies

Matters Discussed

1. Security DS

DS reported that there have been repeated visits to the site by unauthorised individuals. Various members of the committee have spoken to these trespassers and also have spoken to them about the dangers of lighting fires in the adjoining woodland where they have a den.

The padlocks and codes have been changed and security and safety issues were discussed including erecting signs

It was decided to inform the Parish Council of the situation **Action: PB** to email the Parish Clerk

2. Grant from Babergh District Council CH

The Grant is a small business grant awarded because of the COVID 19 pandemic.

It was decided to use the money to for the meeting room.

DS reported that the planning permission is still in force for a wooden building not exceeding 30 sq m.

The total cost of a wooden building with double glazing, upgraded roofing shingles, and a floor would be approximately £6,000. **Action: DS** to contact the company for clarification of details including whether the prices include VAT, and whether there are any discounts. The possibility of the grant from NAGT was discussed. Letters from the PC to NAGT on our behalf have not been acknowledged or replied to. **Action: PB** to email Karen Kenny, a trustee, asking for a definitive reply.

3. Finance GC

Grand Total Cash	£21,455.78	
Available cash	£16,258.42	
Rotovator	£605. 97	
Maintenance	£1,302.67	credit

4. Members GC

At the beginning of the year	320
During the past 3 to 4 weeks	28 new members
Over the past year	29 resignations
Final total	319 paid up members and 3 honorary members

5. Sales GW

£13, 723 of which £8870, 60%, was from cards and online (BACS).

The card sales is a great success and was put in place at exactly the right time. This and BACS ordering is working very well. Thanks were given to Graham and his online team – David, Angie, Martyn, Beverly, Phil and Jenny and to Dennis for setting up the tables.

6. Site DS

A plot will be created and known as 65B. Other areas for additional plots discussed. There is a waiting list of 9.

Free horse manure is available.

The erection of signs warning about dangers on site was discussed.

7. AOB

It was decided not to hold the Pic Nic on the Plot in July but to possibly hold it later on in the year.

Issue 2 of the NAS magazine is now available at the Hut – it's free!

Work-In will still be held on 18th October.

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