



CAPEL ST MARY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

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President Steve Baker

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Capel St Mary Allotments Association Annual General Meeting - Sunday 24 April 2022

29 people attended the meeting

Charles Heath welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting of the Capel St Mary Allotments Association, our first since 2019.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our AGM's in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid restrictions and reports for 2019 and 2020 have been circulated along with the AGM notice containing reports from the Committee. These indicate how busy we have been and what we have achieved and hope to achieve in the future.

The last 2 years has seen all plots taken and there is now a waiting list for both plots and poly tunnel plots and Charles extended a welcome to all new members.

The Site continues to be maintained to a high standard, the Sales Hut has seen record sales along with the Seed and Potato Schemes which has had record breaking orders. We were able to hold our Annual Show in 2021. We also now have an excellent website and first class IT systems which keeps everyone up to date.

We also now have the use of our new meeting room, The Plotters' Retreat which was built by our band of volunteers.

There are several Committee changes this year. Philippa Brandon and Graham Leach retire and we welcome (subject to the voting later) Tara Smith, Robert Birnie and Martin Leech.

Charles thanked the landlords of the Allotment Site - the Parish Council for their support and cooperation given to the Allotments Association to enable us to manage the Site.

Chris Matthews the chairman of the Parish Council was present at the meeting and was thanked for attending.

The format of the AGM will follow that of previous years. 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 welcomed everyone to the AGM, the first since 2019. Much has happened since the pandemic and in particular an increase in interest in gardening and in the allotment site too. He congratulated all for their work on site and in ensuring the Association goes from strength to strength. The President spoke of the very sad loss of Graham Whybrow who did so much for the Allotment

Association, on site, in the Hut and who was always happy to help and advise. He was an inspiration to us all. He wished all a successful season.

2. Minutes of 2019 AGM

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 Sally French Seconder Chris ?

Passed unanimously

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters to be discussed.

4. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for 2015

Geoff Cox, Treasurer, had produced the report of the accounts and thanked Malcolm Fenn for completing the audit advising the figures in the report were exactly as the audited accounts. Geoff offered to explain any points from the sheet. It was proposed to adopt the accounts

Proposer Sally French Seconder Chris ?

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

- One person mentioned they had not received the AGM Notice.
 - Martyn Dowsett to check email address correct for future notifications.

6. Proposals (if any)

There were no proposals.

7. Election of Officers, Committee and Auditor

Steve Baker, President, introduced this item. Philippa Brandon and Graham Leach will be standing down from the Committee. Philippa is to be replaced as General Secretary by Tara Smith. Dennis Smith will stand down as Site Manager as of 1 May and be replaced by Martin Leach. Rob Birnie has been invited to join the Committee as an Ex-Officio Committee Member joining David Armitage, Angie Armitage and Martyn Dowsett

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

Chairman	Charles Heath	General Secretary	Tara Smith
Treasurer	Geoff Cox	Stores Manager	Dennis Smith
Site Manager	Martin Leech	Seed Scheme Mgr	Phil Hickley
Membership Sec	Geoff Cox	Show Secretary	Wendy Russell

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 Colin hayward Seconder Roy French

The vote was carried unanimously

Malcolm Fenn was proposed as Auditor

Proposer Angie Armitage Secunder Rob Birnie

The vote was carried unanimously

8. General Discussion

- Polytunnel – A request was made for shading to be put up on the west side to stop ‘burning’. M Leach noted.
- Do we have a safe means of disposing of items such as pesticides - there is nothing available on site and SCC do not give any advice on how to do so either. S. Baker asked if Chris Matthews could raise matter at parish Council. Another suggestion as that there was provision at the Foxall Road Council Waster site for such items.
- Future Events
 - Village scarecrow event 8th to 11th July
 - Picnic on the Plot Saturday 30th July
 - Village Show 3rd & 4th September
 - Autumn Work In Sunday 23rd October

9. Any Other Business

- a. The Chairman thanked Philippa Brandon and Graham Leach for their contributions towards the Committee and a voucher as a token of the Associations appreciation as given to each. Philippa has been a Committee member since 2008 and general Secretary for 9 years. Graham has been our ‘mower man and been on the Committee for 14 years. Dennis Smith was thanked for his work as Site Manager for the last 7 years and Martin Leech was welcomed as his successor.
- b. A thank you was also extended to Eddie Cox for organising the raffle and Angie Armitage, Die leech and Sue Whybrow for the refreshments.

The meeting closed at 12.42 pm and following this the Plotter’s Retreat was officially opened by Steve Baker, President and a tree was planted in the Wildlife Are to commemorate Graham Whybrow.