

St Marys Allotment Association

Annual General Meeting

St Marys Church Hall

Saturday 1st December 2018

Present: M. Ferrante, G. Simms, D. Atkinson, J. Smith, J. King, B. West, P. Snell, C. Pearson, M. Pearson, M. Curran, D. Jackson, K. O'Grady, A. Christie, T. Reeves, J. Burns, M. Brown, J. Smith, G. Smith, S. Ham, S. Kang, G. Kang, J. Beasley, T. Naylor, J. Naylor, C. Holden, J. Collins, R. Prinjha, T. Taylor, C. Duke, P. Cox, D. Cox, B. Layton, J. Layton, N. Dunne, K. Cumberlage, H. Duncan, N. Briggs, L. Houton, L. Campbell, J. Blows, J. Sheridan, M. Blows, J. King.

Paul Snell gave an illustrated talk on birds found at the allotments prior to the meeting.

1. Gordon Simms, President, opened the meeting. He thanked the Committee for their work and was presented with a voucher and card by the Committee in gratitude for his work maintaining the water supply.
2. Apologies: M and N. Bond, S. Reeve, D. Jones, E. Alcock, J. Cooley, C. Trinder, L. Wood, A. Paley, J. Edwards, C. Nichols, A. Corbet.
3. Minutes from last year were accepted by K. O'Grady and T. Naylor.
4. Chairmans report: Jim talked about the difficulties of working with wildlife, but how it contributed to the safeguarding of the site.

Warwickshire Flora Society had done recent survey and found 469 species of wildflowers and included a rare species of 'duckweed' found in a water butt. Whilst most site work is carried out by volunteers, we occasionally pay for work such as the **cutting of trees**, which has recently been done. M. Carty, a gardening company, brings leaves (which are well used by members) in exchange for work, usually clearing the ditch by reservoir. The **Woo Loo**, installed last year is working well. Underground electrical fault was dealt with by Western Power. Severn Trent have agreed to put up signage and mirrors on gate due to danger of road exit. **Mikron** Theatre show was well attended, 260 people. They will be coming back next year. **New Shed** being built by carpark by 2

Committee members using re-claimed farm buildings. This will be the new Community Hut.

Shop: Cold spring saw sales down initially. Open again in February.

One entry to the **Horticultural show** this year, we came 3rd...more entries next year?

Treasurers report:

Nigel Briggs presented the annual financial report.

Accepted by T. Taylor and P. Snell.

Lettings report: Lesley Campbell presented the lettings report for the year, 39 new lets, 12 left within the year, 8 members requested another plot. Most applications come through website and communication is through email.

Elections:

Jim Layton. Chair. Nominated by M. Cullen, 2nd T. Reeves

Harj Bagga. Vice Chair. Nominated by G. Simms 2nd K. O'Grady

Nigel Briggs. Treasurer. Nominated by A. Christie 2nd T. Naylor

Committee: Jo Blows: nominated by T. Naylor 2nd J. Naylor

Lesley Campbell: Nominated by M. Blows, 2nd J. Sheridan

Jak Sheridan: Nominated by T. Reeves 2nd A. Christie

Tim Reeves: Nominated by J. Sheridan 2nd M. Curran

Any other business: T. Naylor requested security cameras.

B. West asked if fires were to be banned again in July- August? Majority voted for another ban. Consideration to permanently ban fires will need to go to next years AGM for a change in rules.

Meeting closed.

Next Committee meeting: Sunday 3rd March

Planning Meeting: Sunday 13th January. (Sydni centre)