

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Horspath Allotment Association
Held on Wednesday 16th November 2011 at Horspath Methodist Chapel.
The meeting commenced at 19.30hrs.**

Present:

Peter Ewart (PE), Fiona Smith (FS), Tim Rowse (TR), Jude Westgate (JW), Ann Sharpley (AS), Paul Stevenson (PS), Jo Turnbull (JT), Cath Riley (CR), Chris Pym (CP), Mary de Jong (MdJ), Paul Pattison (PP), Peter Frankum (PF), Sheila Frankum (SF), Becky Webb (BW), Nigel Webb (NW), Gary D'Anger (Gd'A), Bob Swan (BS), David Horsley (DH), Ray Jackson (RJ), Richard Brough (RB).

1. Apologies for Absence

Rob Judges, Doreen Stacey, Heather Palmer.

2. Minutes of the AGM meeting held on 17th November 2010.

The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record and signed off by the chairman.

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes

No matters arising.

4. Summary of year's progress.

Peter Ewart gave a summary and his report for the past year. All the works projects that were identified were completed. He thanked Nigel Webb and Tim Rowse for developing and implementing the irrigation system and Chris Pym for his contribution to the system. He also thanked the working parties involved in replacing the new gate, the entrance and access track.

The harvest festival this year raised over £90 for St. Giles church.

Next years plans include extending the access track and cutting the hedge adjacent to the road and clearing out the ditch.

We have had a few new tenants join us this year. A discussion took place about the possibility of rules being implemented to prevent plots being left unattended and therefore a nuisance to the other plots due to weeds. This will be looked into to see what other allotment associations do.

Action PE

5. Summary of the financial accounts.

The accounts were presented in advance of the meeting. These were audited and confirmed by David Horsley.

6. Election of committee members:

The following members were prepared to stand for re-election:

Mr P Ewart (Chairman) Proposed by: FS Seconded by: SF

Ms F Smith (Secretary) Proposed by: PE Seconded by: BW

Mr R Judges (Treasurer) Proposed by: FS Seconded by: PP

Mrs J Turnbull (Committee Member) Proposed by: FS Seconded by: SF

Mr T Rowse (Committee Member) Proposed by: FS Seconded by: PE

Mrs D Stacey (Committee Member) Proposed by: BW Seconded by: PE

7. Members discount cards

Discount cards will be re-issued for 2012 at Mill View Garden Centre.

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8. Progress of Negotiations with Diocese

Negotiations are still ongoing with the Diocese over obtaining a lease. We have received no response from Sidleys over the lease, nor any requests for rent from tenants. It is proposed that we raise the appropriate amount of money to cover the lease between the stakeholders. We have no authority to speak to the Diocese directly, so the process is very slow.

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9. Winter working parties.

Working parties will be organised in February/March 2012 to work on the hedge and ditch.

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10. Any other business.

Grievances. Any grievances tenants have, should be directed to the committee.

Plot numbering. All plot tenants should display their plot number somewhere prominently on their plots.

Manure. The secretary will liaise with John Heritage and notify tenants when manure will be available and ordering details.

Action FS

11. Date of next AGM

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 14th November 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm