BARTON-UPON-HUMBER



ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

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MINUTES

of the Committee meeting held at 7.00

on Tuesday 5 August 2025 at the Corn Exchange, Market Place.

**Present:** Colin Andrew (chair), Mike Corlyon, Neil Jacques, Andy Roberts, Kevin Sharp, John White

1. Apologies: Wanda Hibbert, Claire Roberts.
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – approved as a correct record. p: AB, s: CA
3. Matters arising from the Minutes - none
4. Correspondence
   1. Request from Baysgarth School to visit the plots on 2 October. Agreed to visit. MC to contact the school for details.
   2. Request to judge Beacon Hill Allotments Veg show 24 August. KS and AB agreed to attend. KS to contact PT for the details.
   3. NVS visit June/July 2026 – no further details as yet.
5. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Monthly Statement - MC advised that apart from £130 on pest control the rest of the £900.88 expenditure was show related.
   2. Total funds available less reserves is £3685.12 which represents a decrease of £881.86 over the month but an increase of £348.67 over the year.
6. Site Managers’ Report
   1. Monthly Inspection Report

* 1a – work undertaken as requested. Now Green. Agreed to rescind Notice to Quit.
* 7b, 19, work undertaken as requested. Now Green.
* 30b at risk of becoming overgrown. Advice to Plot Holder
* 32, shed nearly complete. Surplus material still on site.
* 40, 43a, some work undertaken. Remain on Amber.
* 47, some work undertaken. Remain on Amber and seek intentions for the future.
* 49, 50b work undertaken and both now Green.
* 59. Plot holder replied that growth is borage not comfrey and intended for composting in the autumn. Noted.
  1. Plot waiting list – We have 1 for full plot and 3 for half plots on the list.
  2. Request from a member to split their plot and retain the Front half. In general we do not wish to reduce the number of full plots to keep the overall balance between full and half at about 50/50. However, as a couple of plots have been returned from halves to full, it was agreed to allow this request as the balance would remain around 50/50.

1. Land Registry - Progress report -EC/NJ – NJ reported that EC just need the photo i/d for one trustee and then the forms will be submitted. Hope to secure this at the weekend.
2. Horticultural Show -9 August 2025
   1. Feedback from last meeting – CA & NJ had checked the arrangements about the trestles under the stage and CA had photos to aid putting them back correctly. All organised and Tombola prizes coming in.
   2. Committee roles on the 8 and 9 August. Set up at 5.00 pm on Friday 8th. CA/NJ/MC. Will ask for more volunteers at the full show meeting Wed 6 August. Help needed with Tombola and auction. Catering in the afternoon now covered by new volunteers.
3. Events
   1. Christmas Meal – update Wed 17th Dec @£23.00 – to go on sale in September.
4. Web site – July Minutes added, and Notice Board updated.
5. Any Other Business
   1. Bridge – following the report that the bridge appeared to be in sound condition CA proposed the purchase of a crack detector which he would place across the crack. Once the dyke is cleared in the autumn, he and the structural engineer will inspect the underneath of the arch. Agreed and CA thanked for his work.
   2. Calendar – CR had emailed to say the photographs have been received from Rob Francis and a selection made for him to edit. Once price is available CR will email again. Watersedge Shop have agreed to stock 5-10 calendars.
   3. Possible Purchase of a Polytunnel for Communal use. Following a visit to the Beacon Hill Allotments where such a polytunnel is in use, KS proposed investigation of a similar arrangement. Many issues need to be considered, not least is there a demand for such a facility. Potential uses include:

* Communal ad hoc social space, with availability of refreshments,
* Propagation area for plants for sale to plot holders and community (Ropewalk Garden Day)
* Meeting facility,
* Educational space (schools??),
* Growing area for retired / less mobile plot holders.

Agreed to request KS to look into this further and find budget estimates including for a Keder product. Grants would be available to support this.

1. Date of Next Meeting: Tues 2 September 2025 7.00 pm, Corn Exchange. Apologies: CA, KS

