BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

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MINUTES

of the Committee meeting held at **7.00pm**

on Tuesday 4 February 2025 at the Corn Exchange, Market Place.

Present: **:** Colin Andrew, (in the chair), Anthony Blanchard, Mike Corlyon, Neil Jacques, Andy Roberts, Claire Roberts, Kevin Sharp, John White

1. Apologies for absence: Ed Cunnah, Wanda Hibbert.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting: the minutes were accepted as a correct record. Proposed Andy Roberts, seconded John White.

3. Matters arising from the minutes. None.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Letter from Wes Reed offering a gas bottle for the barbeque. KS Agreed to arrange collection.

 5. Treasurer's report

5.1 Monthly statement-MC advised that the income of £1465 had been from plot and bonds fees. The main expenditure was from Insurance and pest control. Some invoices from last year had only just been received. Funds available are £4063.63 which is an increase of £846.29 over the month and year to date. Full details are attached to these minutes.

5.2 Bank accounts-AR agreed to be the third signatory on the bank account. MC and NJ need to agree a time to go to Hull to sort out the savings account.

 6. Site Manager’s Report

6. 1 Waiting list/ Vacant plots-Plot 47 had been vacated but was in the process of being re-let. There are two people on the list for a full plot and five for 1/2 plot.

6.2 Western Hedge cutting. The hedge on 35B had now been cut. Plot 40 still needs cutting.

6.3 Hedge Plant survival rate. EC had offered to survey the hedges, but had sent his apologies to the meeting so no report was available. AB agreed to have a look when possible.

6.4 Manure Bags. Concern was expressed about the disappearance of the empty manure bags. It was agreed to use one of the unwanted compost bins near the main shed to store the empty manure bags in on a plot close to the gates. AB to discuss with relevant plot holders.

6.5 Plot Report. AB reported little sign of progress on plots 32, 19, 9. WH to be asked to send a reminder e-mail that the deadline for progress is the 1st of March. WH is also requested to e-mail all plot holders reminding them about the first plot inspection will be in early March and everyone is expected to have started work by then.

A B also reported that the IBC at the top of the plots was leaking and need replacing. KS to speak to CP about sourcing another. The pin in the main gate needs repair. KS& JJ to look at it.

 7. Land Registry-progress report. EC had sent apologies so no report available.

 8. Horticultural show-9 August 2025

8. 1 Feedback from the first meeting. CA reported that the hall was booked and all the judges had confirmed their availability. The next meeting is Wednesday 12th of February at 7:00.

 9. Annual policy review.

9. 1 Adult Safeguarding. No change is required. NJ to update the dates and to send to LC for inclusion on the website.

9. 2 Child Protection. No change is required. NJ to update the dates and to send to LC for inclusion on the website.

9. 3 Data Protection. No change is required. NJ to update the dates and to send to LC for inclusion on the website.

9. 4 Equal Opportunities. No change is required. NJ to update the dates and to send to LC for inclusion on the website.

9. 5 Health and Safety. No change is required. NJ to update the dates and to send to LC for inclusion on the website.

 10. Events

10. 1 Garden day- Ropewalk 18th of May 2025. NJ to contact the Ropewalk for a booking form.

10. 2 Mid summer gathering. Date agreed as Saturday 21st of June.

 11. Website updates. November minutes have been added and advanced notice for the 2025 show added to the notice board. The Hon. Vice presidents have been added to the committee page, and the revised guidance for the use of chemicals has been added to the policies page. The e-mail address for membership secretary has been changed and the new application form add it to the policies page. There seems to be a problem with the website emailing the new membership secretary.

LC is still waiting for the January Bartonian article, the poster on alternatives to chemicals and the photographs of the presentations to Wes and Bob.

 12. AGM.-actions arising from the AGM.

12.1 Use of chemicals policy-circulated for information.

12.2 Calendar. CR Is seeking sponsorship and looking at printing costs. It was agreed to ask all plot holders to forward any suitable photographs two CR.

12.3 Proposal of leaving a gap of two feet uncultivated on the roadside plots to prevent cars being scratched by vegetation or structures. It was felt that in general the road was wide enough but there is a problem on one or two plots of vegetation overhanging the road scratching cars and structures too close. It was agreed not to change the site rules but to ask all plot holders to behave in a neighbourly fashion with regards to the location of compost bins and other structures and the planting of vegetation near the road. WH to add this to the e-mail to all members.

 13. Any other business.

13.1 MC circulated a copy of the insurance policy emphasising that any group visiting the site should have equivalent insurance cover to our own.

13.2 New bins for grass cuttings. KS advised that he and JJ we're cleaning up the area near the main shed used for grass cuttings and requested permission to spend £30 on new compost bins. Agreed.

 14. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th of March 2025 7:00 PM the Corn Exchange.

