

Marston Ferry and Blackhall Allotment Society

Minutes from the committee meeting held at 45 Charlbury Road on Sunday January 12th 2020

Present: Paul Blay, Clive Booth, Anna Buchanan Gill Edwards, Brian and Faith Fiddian, Gillian Morriss-Kay and Tom Stross

Apologies Gary Gray

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Matters arising: GE is to contact Savills to stress the importance of their tenant maintaining the track on the Eastern boundary of the site.

Chairman's Report: The University Parks are unable to supply compost for purchase this year but hope there will be some available in 2021..

Treasurer's Report PB presented his 2019 accounts which he and AB had prepared. The deficit had been anticipated due in part to increases in insurance charges and in purchasing compost.

The Society account still shows a comfortable balance and because outgoings are not expected to be as high this year, it was agreed there was no need for an immediate rent increase.

PB is to e-mail the membership to let them know of the committee's decision.

CB proposed acceptance of the accounts to which the committee approved. The accounts will now be passed on to the auditors.

AB will take over as Treasurer after the AGM

PB will remain on the committee.

GE proposed a vote of thanks for PB's meticulous handling of the Society's finances over the last fourteen years.

Secretary's Report: Two full and two half plots are available. One other full plot may also be vacated this year.

The two waiting list people have been contacted. A third person is not yet ready to take a plot on.

One member has taken on an additional plot.

Any other business: G M-K reported having been asked by a member whether parking in the roadway by parents collecting children from school could be restricted. It was agreed that the roadway is not under the jurisdiction of the Society.

PB will place an order for an additional load of bark chippings.

Date of next meeting Sunday 1st of March