

Marston Ferry and Blackhall Allotment Society

Minutes from the committee meeting held at 45 Charlbury Road on Sunday November 3th 2019

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

Apologies Paul Blay and Mary Kroll

G M-K welcomed Anna Buchanan to the meeting. Anna is prepared to take over as Treasurer in the New Year. PB had suggested that the role might be split, when asked, Anna said she would prefer to do it on her own. The committee had no objections.

PB had also suggested that it would be advisable to create a role of a site maintenance manager. GG agreed to fill this position. GE will e-mail the membership to encourage reporting to the committee of any general maintenance needs.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved

Matters arising Further to the last incursion to the site, FF reported that links had been cut in the fencing which may have been another attempt to break in.

Secretary's report: GE will remain in post until someone can be found to take on the job of secretary. The two members who have been longest on the site have announced their retirement at the end of the year. Another half plot is vacant, in addition to which, there is an unconfirmed report that a further full plot might be vacated. Arrangements have been made to meet two people who are on the waiting list.

Clear up Days Report: CB declared the days to have been very well attended and almost all the listed tasks had been completed. Cutting the outside of the hedge had been a cause for concern but was carried out successfully, thanks to some preliminary work by volunteers. GE is to contact Savills about the maintenance of the access path to the east of the site. Fencing with windbreak netting was erected at the south west corner, providing shelter from the road for which grateful thanks had been received. Two newcomers who were assisted with a problem plot were also very grateful. GMK thanked CB for another successful year of organising the working days.

AOB: GG will check and rewire the damage done to the link fencing. CB had received a request to dismantle the central section of what was previously a chicken run at the north end of the site.. This was agreed. The Chairman has written on behalf of the Society to express concern of a city council proposal to restrict access to the Marston Ferry Road.

Date of Next Meeting 12th of January 2020

