

AGM – Minutes Date: 6th May 2017 – Lower Hall Room - Methodist Church.

Collection of rents from 6.30pm.

- **7 pm meeting** - Apologies – D & D Hill/ C Johnson/L Jones/Mr Strange/Rev Pears/Mrs Brown.
- **Members present** – 55 people plus the committee.
- **Mins of the last AGM** – 6th May 2016 – were agreed and signed.
- **Chair's report – M Killick**

Tightening up of finances.

- Last year we had more money going out than coming in. A finance subcommittee has been set up to supervise more closely the finances and to consider the implications. Committee minutes will be available on the website.

Developing the community.

- Although all sites are different we have developed a strong community spirit. Each plot has a BBQ for use on each site. The issue of storage is still being discussed for each site.
- Site Warden jobs have been created on each site and volunteers are being asked to come forward. To date HR has appointed – Lakeside and Newland to follow.
- This year the committee decided to add another category to annual awards. Highly commended to recognise tenants who have worked hard on their plots keeping them productive and clean.
- Lakeside gate jamming has now been sorted by the WTC. A weather proof notice board has been erected and notices can be sent to the secretary to place on any notice board.
- Lakeside have difficulty in renting full plots.
- Newland has had a good turnover this year.

Mary was thanked by the committee for all her hard work as she stands down as chair.

Treasure's report - £ 7,058:71 in the bank.

The treasurer re-iterated the Chair's comments about expenditure exceeding income. It was therefore necessary to increase our income which could either be done by putting all the rents up by £2 or by reducing the concession rate. Or instead of paying everyone's water charges, tenants could be recharged the cost of the water.

Following discussion it was overwhelmingly agreed, with no votes against, to reduce the concession from 50% to a flat rate of £5.

Election of new officers and committee

- **Chair** – Geoff Branner proposed by Mary Killick Seconded Lynn Berry
- **Vice chair** – Lynn Berry proposed by Geoff Branner - seconded by Dave Barber
- **Treasurer** Margaret Eadle proposed by Geoff Branner- seconded by Tim Paridge
- **Secretary** – Row Martin proposed by Geoff Branner- seconded by Tim Brown

Election of Dispute Panel – Rev. Partridge/ Colin Newitt/ Judy Busby/

Committee members volunteers are:

David Barber - Lakeside
Claire Johnson - Hailey Road
Val Fisher – Newland
Dave Mace - Lakeside
Tim Brown - Lakeside
Barrie Fenton Newland
Ali Proudlove- Hailey Road

Presentation of Best Kept Allotments –

Best overall winner for 2017 - Jim and Sue Sibley (plot 7) Hailey Road.

1. Runner up at Hailey Road – Mr R Smith
2. Best allotment at Lakeside – Mrs Shackles and Mrs Busby
3. Runner up at Lakeside – Mr S Learney
4. Best kept allotment at Newland – Mr and Mrs P Hill (plot 11)
5. Runner up at Newland – Mr Kitto

There followed a talk for Don Everett about green manure.

AOB – None. **Meeting finished at 8.30 pm.**