



Committee Members

June Scott (Chair)
David Brockhurst (Secretary)
Sarah Leng (Treasurer)
David Illingworth
Keith Ryder
David Evans
David Woolveridge
John Tasker
David Knowles
Paul Flint
Andrew Whipp

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AGM minutes 23/2/23

32 attended.

Apologies from David Evans, Martin Harrison, Keith Worden, Alan Martin and Lynn Baldwin (who would also like to say thank you to those who helped put her shed back in place following the high winds last weekend)

Vandalism – we had quite a lot of problems during the Summer with a gang of youths breaking glass on greenhouses and damaging sheds (Starbeck pool side of allotment), this eventually stopped following damage to the swimming baths roof and publicity through Facebook. Please report any further occurrence.

Trees and ground cover – only fruiting or small flowering trees to be allowed on plots, noting in the future the plot will be taken on by another tenant, last year one new tenant had to remove a small number of tree stumps prior to use of plot.

Tenancy and passing on to family and friends – [see Tenancy - Passing on - Document](#) (available to view on website).

Site maintenance – fence and shed repairs – we have quite a bit of site maintenance to do this year, this involves repairs to the boundary fence and some work to do on the main site tool shed – Richard Ingleby (Plot 36) has volunteered to do the fence work, if anyone would like to give Richard a hand please let me or Richard know. Also if anyone would like to assist with repair work to the tool shed can you please get in touch.

Site maintenance – ongoing jobs, mowing, strimming – some committee members are already giving their time to these tasks however any volunteers to help would be appreciated, let me know if you can give some spare time with mowing the paths.

Composting toilets – due to some damage to the door last year (hinges and door panels) can users take care with door on windy days.

Machinery maintenance – we are looking at outsourcing the machinery maintenance and are presently getting some quotes for this work.

HDAF and Harrogate in Bloom – some changes are being made to the criteria and judging for the site judging on behalf of Harrogate in Bloom and further details will be passed on when finalised.

Site inspections – two committee members will conduct our site and plot inspections from the beginning of March and continue every second month from then until the beginning of November. Tenants will be contacted regarding any issues.

Plastic – the use of Astro turf has presently been looked at with a possible ban on site use. After some discussion over other plastics use no further action will follow.

Waiting list - We have taken 7 new tenants in the past year and presently have 30 people on our waiting list.

Open day – we are putting on an open day sometime in the summer, June Scott (Chair) is to arrange.

Overhanging low tree branches (from 2022 AGM), this has been an issue for some time and was initially reported on by the previous secretary (Jim Bean) and twice by me, I finally got council permission to trim back the trees from Belmont Park that hang low over plots, greenhouses and sheds (not main branches), I was informed that we couldn't do the work ourselves and needed to employ a tree surgeon, having got a couple of quotes I found that unfortunately the cheapest wasn't the most proficient with some remedial work required after they had finished.

Committed Sums/Fund - St Andrews Allotments has been awarded - £837.10. Monies to be spent on a specific project and will be discussed shortly in our next Committee Members meeting.

Committee membership – we had a vacancy in the committee with the loss of David Reid last November, Paul Flint nominated, and we welcome Andrew Whipp to join our Committee.

Meeting closed 8:30