

RAGA Minutes May 9th 2017

Gledhow Sports and Social Club

Present: Paul, Margaret, Brian, Bob, Patrick, Primrose, Steve, Peter, Cath

1. **Welcome** : From Paul
2. **Apologies**: John
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on** Tuesday 14th March 2017: In point 7 the figure of £22,772 needs amending to £22,499. Approved as a correct record.
4. **Matters arising not on this agenda**: Question about the configuration of the containers in the plans to be submitted. Paul reported that Christian Sanders had made the slight adjustments and had put these in the planning application.
There was no follow up to the FORP letter as Paul thought too much time had elapsed.
5. **Plot Inspection results and follow-up action**: Good results this time with only 11 needing to be specially looked at, notes were just left on four and as we were going round four more were noted mainly for very poor path maintenance. 44SB was already being worked. There will be a check up on Thursday and if no work is being done then Paul will email. It was very useful to have a colour coded plan, so thanks to Peter for that. Margaret P is going to find the *all on one sheet plot plan* and let us have it. It seems like the inspections are having the desired effect, Peter said he had had some very positive comments about the state of the site. We are having intermittent grass cutting done by the Parks but this supplements nicely what we are able to do on Thursdays.
6. **Update on plots let and plots now available**: Peter reported that all those on the waiting list have been contacted; he was seeing two people on Thu 11th and was waiting to hear from three more, this means we may only have two people waiting for a plot. Margaret suggested that a flyer might be produced to put on the REAP stall at the Farmer's Market now that we have plots to let. Perhaps an article could be written for North Leeds free

publication. It was agreed that we will order some weed suppressant matting to cover any vacant plots.

7. **Discuss possible changes to the Starter Bed Policy to allow downsizing:** It was agreed that we could accommodate established plot holders who wished to downsize but we would still only want annual crops in the beds.
8. **Treasurer's Report :** There was no significant change from that reported at the AGM.
9. **Correspondence/website:** None.
10. **Follow-up from the AGM.** Paul mentioned again about the planning application.
11. **Agree meeting day and schedule for 2017-18:** We have decided to move the meetings to Mondays, specifically the first Monday of the months we meet. Paul will OK this with GSSC and then circulate the dates.
12. **Agree date for Summer BBQ:** Set now for Sat July 8th, Will has a gazebo that he will use, and the date is fine with Patrick.
13. **Agree expenditure for the BBQ:** We will ask everyone to bring a folding chair/s, we can borrow the REAP table and Brian will check to see if the church tables are available. Hopefully the new banner will be able to cope with slight changes of dates.
14. **Set date for Summer Newsletter:** Deadline for copy is 9th June then Brian will send it out WB 12th June.
15. **Date for Autumn Plot Inspection:** Saturday 16th September, 10-12 as usual.
16. **Thursday Volunteer Group:** Lots done in P & M L's absence, thanks to Steve for being the keeper of the all important flask! All hedge trimmings were put into the extra skip together with other rubbish. Plot clearing continues, a start has been made on clearing the hedge bottom on the eastern side; and the damaged water pipe was repaired. We unfortunately do not have a plan of the water pipe system for the site so a similar rupture to a pipe may occur. Number posts are being checked and secured if loose. The padlock problem persists and all barrows are now secured on just one chain. Paul mentioned that Patrick was able to buy extra padlocks for the containers, prompted by the break in and theft of all FORPS equipment

from their container in the park. All agreed that security of the site must take priority.

17. **LDAGF:** Paul mentioned the Plots/Site Competition and the social in September.

18. **Non-members on site/ security issues:** Man with red wooly hat.

19. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 3rd July 7.30pm

20. **Any other urgent business:** Concern about the height of some fruit trees, pruning will be mentioned in the newsletter together with the need to be vigilant when cultivating the soil near water barrels in case pipes are close to the surface. Fences are appearing on some plots and screens on other plots causing shade, the individuals concerned will be contacted.