

**HORFIELD AND DISTRICT ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Monday, 11th February 2008**  
**Held at the Good Shepherd Hall, Kings Drive from 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT**

Mr.Neil Pirie, Chairman,  
Mr.Brian Styles, Treasurer  
Mr Steve Clampin BCC Allotments Officer  
Councillor D Kitson  
And approximately 80members.

**NOTICE OF THE MEETING HAD BEEN CIRCULATED IN THE NEWSLETTER TO ALL MEMBERS**

**APOLOGIES**

John Molton, Howard Milbank, Emma Hedley, Fiona Reid, Councillor Bev Knott

**MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Were distributed to the membership present and adopted on a proposal by Ms. Pauline Markovits and seconded by Mr Ted Ayers-Hunt.

**MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising not covered by agenda items.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A report from the Chairman was circulated to the meeting outlining the capital projects currently in train, ie., hauling way and water supply improvements to Davis and wall repairs on Wessex.

He thanked Les Dobbins for his work as Davis Field Rep and Committee member and welcomed Fiona Reid and Joe McSorley as Field Reps for Baptist.

The Chairman asked the membership to keep the Association huts in good repair and to use the skips provided on site responsibly.

With reference to the further two years of BCC funding available the chairman invited suggestions for capital projects.

The Chairman reported the good turnout for the September Show and thanked Margaret Smith and all who provided refreshments. He also highlighted the success of this year's working party on Golden Hill.

The Chairman commended the work of Pete Clee in relation to the community composting facility. He also thanked Miss Phyllis Brookes for her immense contribution to the work of the Association for the past 40 years.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A summary financial report was distributed to the members present. Full audited accounts are available to members on request. The treasurer reported that the cost of water and insurance have risen slightly in the last year, whilst less has been spent on site maintenance and auditing. He reported a healthy balance but cautioned against complacency in view of the ending of BCC funding in two years time when the Association will become fully self financing.

**RESOLUTIONS:** The following resolutions were presented by Brian Styles on behalf of the Committee.

**RESOLUTION 1:**

The AGM is asked to consider moving the plot rental year from October 1<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. To achieve this proposed change the rent collected in October 2008 would be for 15 rather than the usual 12 months to cover the period October 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

After a short discussion the resolution was agreed on a proposal by Anne Miller, seconded by Sarah Rhodes.

**RESOLUTION 2:**

The AGM is asked to approve the Committee's recommendation that plot rents be increased by 20p per perch from January 2010. This proposed increase is the first since 2005 and if implemented will still leave the Association's rents significantly below those charged by the City Council.

During the discussion it was suggested that this rent rise may be insufficient and that the Committee should review rent on an annual basis. The Chairman agreed to take this suggestion back to the Committee. The resolution was agreed on a proposal by Ken Smith, seconded by Ted Ayers-Hunt..

**PRESENTATION OF TED HILL CUP & FIELD PRIZES.**

The Ted Hill Cup, and a £25 garden voucher, for the most improved plot during the first year of tenancy were presented by Phyllis Brookes to. Mr Hudson of plot 18 Grahams Field.: 'Best newcomer on field' awards went to Mr Goldblatt 55a St Agnes, Mr Gould 25b Davis Mr Collins 24 Grahams, Mr Gorman 24a Longs.

**COMPANY DIRECTORS**

In accordance with Company Articles one third of the Directors must retire each year. The following Directors stood down: Les Dobbins, Ingrid Morris, Val Chainey, Roger Chainey, Pete Clee & Mike Cooksey. The following members were appointed *nem con*: Val Chainey, Roger Chainey, Pete Clee, Mike Cooksey, Fiona Reid & Joe McSorley,

**PRESENTATION TO PHYLLIS BROOKES:**

Phyllis announced her retirement this year having served the Association as Secretary and Plot Manager for 40 years. At times Phyllis has managed the entire administration of the Association including collection and recording of rents. She has an unparalleled knowledge of the history and workings of the Association and has happily made this knowledge available to newer members of the committee who have had her unwavering support. The chairman presented Phyllis with a bouquet in gratitude for her service and announced that there will be further celebrations later in the year.

Phyllis thanked the membership and the committee and noted the enormity of the administrative task that the running of the Association entails.

The chairman thanked those who provided and served refreshments.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION** There followed a 'Gardeners Question Time' style discussion.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8-45 PM.**