

**Court Oak Road and Tennial Lane Allotments Association**  
**Honorary President Alan Harbour**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Held on Tuesday 3rd April 2012 at 7:30pm**  
**Quinborne Community Centre**

**1. Apologies**

Marian Stanley, Glenys Nicklin, John McCarthy

**2. Acceptance of 2011 Minutes**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record

**3. Matters Arising**

None

**4. Officers' Reports**

**i) Chair**

Firstly, he thanked John Bland for all his work in preparing the "President's Bench and Garden" and presented him with a gift in recognition of his efforts. He also noted the work put in by the previous Chair, Bob Lintern, and Secretary, Sandra Lintern, to initiate the "President's Bench and Garden".

The Chair thanked the other Officers and Committee members for all their work.

**ii) Secretary**

The secretary stated that he only took over in July following the surprise resignation of the previous Secretary. The collection of the rents and new lettings have gone well. A recent site visit by the Allotments Liaison Officer had noted improvements. The Secretary was pleased that there had been rubbish collections at both sites and thanked the Quinton Ward Officers for their help. There has been improvements in communication from the Committee with a Newsletter and a new Website.

A target for next year was to improve rainwater harvesting at both sites and also to try and get funding to repair the road at Tennial Lane.

Finally, he thanked the other Officers and Committee members for all their work over the past year.

**iii) Treasurer**

The President's Bench Fund (£475.10) has now been fully spent and the project completed. The balance at the bank stands at £2608, petty cash £11, cash in hand shop £72, key cash £12. Assets include £100 worth of keys and £1515 of shop stock (stock take 2/4/12). We have a liability of £709 in received key deposits. The total value of all assets minus liabilities is £3710. The Excess of income over expenditure is £1.20 taking into account the spent up President's Bench Fund but £487.82 when excluding the fund.

**5. Election of Officers**

**i, ii and iii) Chair, Secretary and Treasurer**

It was moved by D. Watkins and seconded by R. Cobley that the three officers: Ian Wilson (Chair); Andrew Large (Secretary); and John McQuay (Treasurer) be re-elected. Accepted unanimously.

**iv) Auditor** – Alison Lawson has agreed to act as auditor and this was accepted

**v) Minute Secretary** – Marian Stanley was reappointed as Minute Secretary

**vi) Site Secretaries** - John Bland re-elected for Court Oak. There being no nominations for Tennal Lane Site Secretary Andrew Large (Secretary) agreed to fulfil this role until someone else could be co-opted.

**vii) Election of Committee**

Pauline Webb and Alan Walsh (both Tennal Lane) have stepped down from the Committee. In addition to the Officers above the following were elected: J. Stubbs (COR); M. O'Brien (COR); J. McCarthy (COR); R. Cobley (COR); M. Clayton (COR); G. Nicklin (TL); D. Watkins (TL). It was agreed that the Committee should try to co-opt at least one more member from Tennal Lane.

## **6. Resolutions to Amend the Constitution**

The Chair proposed the following addition to the Constitution:

“Clause 9.3. Any Committee Member in dispute with either the Committee or the City Council shall be temporarily suspended until the dispute is resolved.”

Accepted unanimously.

## **7. Suggestions and Improvements**

Rainwater Harvesting – the Officers are getting quotes for a number of water tanks and barrels to collect rain water from toilet blocks and other buildings. A number of blue 200 litre barrels will also be available for plot-holders to purchase.

Tennal Lane Road – the Secretary is in communication with the Constituency Officer to secure funds to repair the road at Tennal Lane which is becoming a serious safety issue. Jo Stubbs offered to make an estimate of the cost of these works.

It was mentioned that the outer gate lock at Court Oak Road is becoming worn but can only be renewed in consultation with the residents that share access. It was suggested that the Court Oak car parking area needs levelling this year.

Trees along the East fence (by the old Martineau Centre) are subject to a Tree Preservation Order and this area is home to a badger sett.

## **8. Any Other Business**

Quinborne Gardening Club has sent us information on their club and invited new members. The BDAC petition on rents has received an inadequate response from the City Council and a further response has been requested by the Quinton Ward Committee.

## **9. Next Committee Meeting**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at the Quinborne Centre