LAYTON PERMANENT ALLOTMENT

ASSOCIATION

**Association Meeting** Sunday 29th May 2016, onsite.

Jacky Stennett(**JS)** Chair, Dave Stennett (**DS**) Treasurer, Sarah Mather, Gail Blackburn, Peter Eccles, Neil Cartmell, Dianne Tew, Kevin Bennett, Isabel & John Horn, Albert Mottershead, Shirley Horn, Christine & Alison Penistone, Geoff & Margaret Brayshaw, Michelle Swarbrick and John, Albert & Bernie O’Hara, Liz Westhead, Michelle Hayward, Derrick Walls, Paulette Goldstone.

**JS** opened the meeting at 13.00hrs and welcomed all.

**Apologies**

Alan Westhead, Kathlyn Stevens, Beverley Craven, Stewart Gibson, Jonathan Baugh, David Wignall, Ruth Coupe Sec.,

**JS announced that Ruth Coupe (Secretary) wished to step down from the position. A new secretary is urgently required to take on the role until the next AGM .Please contact JS if you are able to help.**

**Minutes of previous meeting** 24/4/16 were accepted by the meeting.

**Matters arising** from previous meeting

The solar panel supply –The system is working, as the lights in the tearoom demonstrated. Neil explained there was one problem with a relay which worked the remote switch which he hoped to solve shortly .Albert and Bernie questioned the cost of the system, saying that £1000 had initially been quoted. Neil replied that that did not include the cost of putting in all the wires, sockets and trunking**. JS** stated that a full costing would be given at the next meeting .The project had been on going over the winter months since the meetings decision to go ahead with the solar scheme.

Toilet – It was initially thought that the excessive winter rainfall had caused the loo to fill with water. A drainage pipe has now been installed at the back of the loo to an existing surface drain. A new bearing has been fitted in the cowl. The toilet has been pumped out at a cost of £180. After pumping out, the real problem was found. The sides of the underground tank are bulging in causing displacement of the internal tray and air ducts. The company that installed it (now called Woo Woo) have been contacted and say it sounds like an installation problem and they intend to take remedial action. We await a date for the work to be done.

**Chairperson’s report**

Nothing. **JS** attended a ‘Friends of Kingscote Park’ meeting on the 16th May.

**Site Report**

A site inspection took place and one weed notice was issued to plot14. Four other plots gave cause for concern and JS has spoken to these tenants.

Dave Preston on Plot 35 has had to give up due to back problems. A decision was made to split the plot due to its infrastructure and we now have two new tenants. Welcome to Sandra Sobrino on 35a and Joanne Proctor on 35b.

Middle Car Park – a small two sided midden had been started in one corner. This did not have committee approval. Manure had previously been left in this position but the practice had been stopped two years ago as the space was needed for parking. There was a debate about the pro’s and con’s from all interested parties. As middens are presently over flowing a case was made that tenants could ask for manure to be placed directly on their plots if wanted. The decision was put to a vote. Prior to the vote **JS** read out the wording from the Constitution which covered voting. The vote was by show of hands with 6 in favour of the midden with 12 against. The midden was denied.

**Secretary’s Report**

None. No secretary present.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**DS** distributed his monthly report. There is £6920 in the bank and £242.71 petty cash. Most of the bills for the solar power have been paid with a small amount going for maintenance of the machinery. Albert asked if the machinery had been serviced this year for Health and Safety. **DS** replied no, but did we want it going now when it was in use. The majority opinion was that this should be done after the growing season.

Albert said with the amount in the bank could we not incorporate the water charge into the bills.**DS** explained that £2000 of the money was ring fenced for water and £900 for key deposits, you needed some money put by because you never knew what could happen. Albert considered that £2000 or £3000 was enough and if any contingency arose we could ask tenants for additional funds. Various opinions from the floor were raised against this idea. It was felt that without funds in the bank we would be unable to countenance any project and negated the very idea of our fund raising, Open Day etc.

**AOB**

Thanks go to Isabel for arranging the judging for our Best Plot completion. Betty Bradford and Tim Riley will again be here on Tuesday the 19th July. If anyone does not wish to be included please let a member of the committee know otherwise all open plots will be judged.

Bernie raised the question of the dyke. **JS** confirmed it needed attention as it was very overgrown. Under our lease agreement with the Council they are responsible for cleaning it. Concerns were raised about the method of cleaning the Council would use, heavy machinery but also strimmers had been used in the past and the area was now planted with trees and was a wild life zone. JS confirmed she would approach the Council.

Kevin mentioned the bee hive building he did with John; if anyone is interested in bees please contact Paulette on plot 1 or John on plot 12.

Parking on the car park by the tea room was raised. It was agreed that this needs to be marked out with designated spaces to maximise its use.

**JS** closed the meeting at 13.40hrs

Next meeting – Sunday 26th June at 1pm in the tea-room followed by an Open Day planning meeting.

PLEASE DO TRY TO ATTEND AS THIS IS THE MAIN FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS OUTCOME EFFECTS ALL PLOT HOLDERS

An Open Day planning meeting followed the meeting and their minutes are not recorded here.