

Jubilee Allotment Association AGM 2024

AGM Minutes 19th February 2024

7pm by Zoom

Apologies -none

Present:

Mark Madeley, Katy Madeley, Joy Richards, Richard Hodgson, Kerri Tucker, Paul Baines-Holmes, Sarah Bosomworth, Sandra Belovari, Jill Martin.

Wendy S, John B, Caroline W, Simon and Rosie C, Robin S, Tony

Opening comments

Mark (Chair) thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes from 2023

The minutes were proposed as being a true representation of the last year's AGM. Proposed by Katy Madeley and seconded by Richard Hodgson.

Changes to constitution and rules:

The rule stating that plot holders must seek permission from the committee to use the garden furniture at the top of the site should be changed to state that this furniture can be used by plot holders at any time. Proposed by Wendy Sanderson and seconded by Jill Martin. Agreed.

Chairman's report:

JAA has been pleased to welcome many new plot holders this year and it is good to see their enthusiasm. They, and all plot holders, are encouraged to ask the committee for help and support at any time.

A thank you goes out to all members of the committee for all their hard work both in administration and practical tasks.

Thank you to Richard for all his practical help with repairs to the gate, fences, filling holes, helping repair water stations and for tackling wasp nests.

Also thank you to John for his help with the water stations and managing the flooded areas.

Continuing gratitude to Simon Crawford for all the grass mowing he does and getting the equipment serviced.

A final thank you to Joy who, along with her partner is giving up their plot and so Joy will be standing down as secretary.

Treasurer's report:

All the site has been let throughout the year. We have an increase in our bank balance this year.
Income

Has come from plot rentals and associated items. The site was fully let throughout the year, and we were able to quickly re-let plots that became vacant during the year.

Expenditure

The main items of expenditure were the site rental, website, affiliations, and insurance. Other expenditure was purchase and maintenance of essential equipment and site facilities maintenance.

Bank Balance end of day 07-02-2023	Income and petty cash	Expenditure	Balance end of day 07-02-2024
£2,635.72	£4905 + £21.44pc	£4,475	£3065.72 +£6.44pc

Expenditure

Rent £3750.00

Affiliations, insurance, £ 130.00

Website & Domain & vouchers (offset against rent) £ 75.00

New equipment £ 106.63

Site & Equipment maintenance

(mower, toilets, petrol, water-station, insects) £ 422.77

Engraving (from petty cash) £ 15.00

A/c costs £ 65.60

Lettings - we have a waiting list of 10 and all plots are let.

Many thanks to Jill for all her hard work as treasurer.

Maintenance Report:

Maintenance days have been very well supported by lots of willing and cheerful helpers. The days are also a great opportunity to meet other plot holders and to sit and chat over the tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Any plot holders that haven't yet been to a maintenance are encouraged to come and join us – an enjoyable experience and does really make a difference to the site.

Large trees down the side path are a problem in shading some plots. These are the responsibility of the council and we have been in touch with them to request cutting back.

Chairman's Award:

Katy Madeley has been given this award with the agreement of the whole committee for all the work she does, much of which is above and beyond the basic duties she has in reviewing and letting plots.

Plot of the year:

Awarded to Ron Gibson whose plot is immaculate and evidence of all the time and effort he gives to it. Well done Ron. Mark will get the award to him and take photos.

A.O.B:

Wendy Sanderson apologised for the lack of work on her plot which she has now given up after many years at JAA. She said goodbye and thank you. Best wishes Wendy.

Caroline Wood told the meeting about the ongoing problem with deer on her plots. She has observed that the middle wire in the fence is easily pushed open by the deer. She has also had badgers on her plot but has blocked the hole that they are using. There was some discussion about possible improvements to the fence. Suggestions are welcome and this will be top priority to discuss at the next committee meeting.

Closing comments:

Thank you to everyone attending and anyone wishing to join the committee was invited to stay for the next meeting.

Your New Committee for 2024

Agreed roles:

Mark Madeley - Chairman

Katy Madeley – Lettings

Kerri Tucker – Social Media

Sarah Bosomworth – Vice Chair

Jill Martin – Treasurer

Sandra Belovari – Committee Member

Paul Baines-Holmes - Committee Member

Richard Hodgson - Committee Member

Fran McClusky – secretary (not present but agreed)