

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF STOURPAINE ALLOTMENTS (ALLOTMENTS FOR THE LABOURING POOR CHARITY NO. 231864) HELD ON THURSDAY 14th January 25

Present:	Councillors: P Partridge Chairman, J Jakes Vice, G Cowie, M Farwell, D Meaden, A
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In attendance:	Jan O'Connell – Clerk, Barry Graham Chairman of the Allotment Association.
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01.	Apologies for Absence: None received
02.	Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of Interest
03.	Approval of the Minutes of the AGM on 09 January 2024 – The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.
04.	<p>Report from the Chairman of Stourpaine Allotment Association –Mr Barry Graham</p> <p>The weather this year has been very changeable and resulting in varying results with vegetables, the parsnips and aubergines were not good, and the tomatoes did not fare well.</p> <p>The monthly maintenance regime has been restarted with volunteers helping out on the 2nd Saturday of the month.so far there usually is around 8 people who turn up to help. More of this work will be done in the summer in the evenings.</p> <p>Unfortunately some members have cancelled their subscriptions for either health or work commitment reasons, there will be 7 plots advertised this year, some of the plots have been divided into two plots to make them more manageable.</p> <p>We are hoping to put up a new shed to house the mowers and spare glass, and although we always repurpose wood and materials to build our own we would like to approach the PC to request if there are any funds to assist with this project. We also would like the PC to purchase a new sign for the entrance with contact details for the Chairman/ Secretary/Treasurer, we will formally request this in April when the new secretary has been appointed.</p> <p>The Noticeboard collapsed in the recent bad weather, when this is fixed we would like to place a waterproof first aid box beneath it in case of any accidents</p> <p>The Summer Social evening date will be confirmed when the annual meeting is held.</p>
05.	Presentation and Approval of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 and completion of Annual Return. The accounts were prepared for 31/03/2024. The return would be completed and sent to the Charities Commission.
	Grazing Agreement – The Clerk to chase the rent for this year.
	Membership of the National Association of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association – It was agreed that the Allotment Committee should continue their membership.
	<p>Any other matters –The Vice Chairman of Stourpaine Parish Council expressed her thanks to Mr Graham for all of his hard work this past year and commented on how much the allotments had improved in the past 10 years.</p> <p>-</p>

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.05 pm

Signed:

Date:

Councillor P Partridge Chairman: Stourpaine Parish Council