



Minutes of Committee Meeting Monday 19th March 2018

1. Present: Chairman; Carole Allen-Morley , Secretary; Denise Audoire, Treasurer; Robert Le Grice, Bill Chandler, Melissa Doherty, Diane Kingston, Stephen Treglown
2. Apologies: No apologies received
3. Carole welcomed Melissa Doherty to the meeting as a new Committee member and introduced her to the Committee.
4. Minutes of the last meeting Monday 22nd January were agreed
5. Finances – Robert distributed the accounts showing funds of £5,995.65 which included deposits of £3,140 and funds available for spending of £2,855.65. Insurance due in May will be around £80. Robert suggested using a card payment system to make payment of rent and subs easier. He will look into the charges involved.
6. Butterfly Survey – Robert now has about 11 volunteers for the survey, who are being trained. Surveys will take place weekly and the scheme will run for 6 months.
7. Estates Management - Inspection Procedure draft – Diane has written the draft document which was discussed up to page 6 and amended as required. Pages 1-6 will be sent to RAHA members. The remainder of the document will be discussed at a later date.
8. Matters Arising
 - a. May Committee Meeting - The date has been changed to Monday 21st May 2018.
 - b. Committee Vacancies – The Committee were encouraged to invite other RAHA members to join the Committee.
8. Newsletter – The January issue was edited by Diane and sent out by e-mail to members. The next edition will be 2 pages with topics on; protecting Bees, the Butterfly Survey, a plea for volunteers to help run the Shows also other reminders to members about bone fires and keeping contact details up to date. Copies will be posted on the notice boards and sent to members via e-mail.
9. Estates Management Vacancy – The position is still vacant. Denise will look in the archive documents for a job description and send to Diane to include in the newsletter.

10. Estates Management –
 - a. Inspection Procedure – Was covered in item 7
 - b. Pothole at Rapids entrance – Carole has reported it to the Council
 - c. Tool Hire – Suitable storage and a caretaker still needs to be found. The tool hire will be put on hold for the time being. Denise will take the posters down from the notice boards.
 - d. Working Parties – No working parties needed.
 - e. Other Works – Hedge trimming has been completed. Potholes are beginning to appear again on the roads. A suggestion for filling the holes with woodchips was rejected. It was decided to leave the roads for now. A supply of woodchips will possibly soon be available for members use.
11. Plots Update and Waiting List – There are 3 vacant plots and 25 on the waiting list including 8 not ready yet to take a plot. It was decided to only allow new members living in Romsey and Romsey Extra area to join the waiting list. A member suggested letting local schools take on an allotment to encourage children to grow their own vegetables. This has already occurred as 'Romsey Youth' have been allocated a plot.
12. Romsey Show – Organiser Vacancy – The vacancy still needs to be filled. It was decided to continue entering the show if an organiser can be found.
13. RAHA Summer Show – Organiser Vacancy – The Show may not take place if an organiser cannot be found.
14. Any Other Business
 - a. Carole will prepare an up-to-date mentor list and distribute to Committee. Mentor role will be on the next Agenda.
 - b. Skip hire will be on the next agenda.
 - c. A request for members to put the plot number on their plots to help with plot inspections.
 - d. Rubbish has accumulated around the notice boards. Committee were asked to remove any rubbish from the area.
15. Dates
 - Committee Meeting – Monday 21st May 2018 7.30pm
 - Committee Meeting – Monday 9th July 2018 7.30pm
 - Summer Show – August 2018 (Day to be arranged if held)
 - Committee Meeting – Monday 3rd September 2018 7.30pm
 - Romsey Show – Saturday 8th September 2018
 - AGM – Monday 15th October 2018 7.00pm
 - Rent Day – Saturday 20th October 2018 10.00am – 12.00noon
 - Committee Meeting – Monday 19th November 2018 7.30pm

March 2018

