

Minutes of TGAA Committee Meeting held at 23 Chalfont Road on 20th February 2024

Present:- Tony Hollander (Chairman), Neil MacLennan (Vice Chairman), Bob Crabtree (Finance), Rachel Faulkner (Secretary), Jonathan Clark (Shop, Website, Skips), Philip James (Communal Equipment), Michael Wheale (Compost and Bonfires), Robin Nicholas (Water System)

Apologies:- Martin Fleminger

Harvest Supper Review.

The SMI venue works well and we had maximum capacity in the hall with 64 members attending. This time members brought their own crockery and cutlery as well as food and drink.

The 2024 Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 16th November.

TGAA AGM

The meeting will be held on the 19th March in the SMI hall. Members will be invited for 'welcome drinks' at 7.30pm and the meeting will start at 8pm.

A broad discussion about Committee membership, vacancies and the length of service of the current Committee was led by TH. Members will be sent this information in table form prior to the meeting.

Action:- JC and RF to draft a notice for the members.

NMacL to supply wine for welcome drinks.

RF to organise the hire of glasses for the welcome drinks.

Reports for the AGM to be sent to RF by 1st March.

Finance

RC presented the annual accounts from 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023.

No invoice for rental has been received from Oxford City Council again this year.

Action:- RC to make contact with the City Council to clarify the situation.

Equipment and Machinery

PJ will be stepping down from the committee at the AGM.

All the equipment is in full working order. The ride on mower will need to be serviced in mid year. Petrol stocks are currently low.

Action:- Members to be notified of the vacancy on the Committee

Bonfires and Compost

MW will not be able to have a bonfire for some time because of the wet conditions. The bonfire and surrounding ground need to dry out considerably following the recent rain.

Plot allocations

As usual at this time of year there have been several changes in the membership. There are currently 2 empty plots and the waiting list has diminished a little, with four people declining a plot when offered.

An inspection of the allotments was fixed for April 4th with a follow up inspection on May 2nd.

Trees and Pruning

Chris Lanzack will be asked to prune the trees in the shared orchard. This work will be funded by TGAA. A member has requested a tree to be removed on his plot.

Action:- TH to ask members if they have any trees needing removal. TH to contact David Haynes.

Shop and Skips

JC advised that a new rota for the manning of the shop has been prepared. The shop reopens on March 2nd. A skip will be organised to be on site during April.

Action:- JC to organise a skip for April

Water System

RN noted that less water was used on site during 2023 than the previous year due to increased rainfall. Some of the plastic protection covers would need replacement.

AOB

- TH has not heard back from SSE on the timing of the trench digging which will affect the approach road and allotment car park near the bridge.
- NMacL raised the issue of moving from petrol driven equipment to battery powered equipment. RN advised that it will need a considerable amount of planning and time to be able to provide battery charging facilities on site.
- The date of the next meeting:-Tuesday 18th June

The meeting closed at 12.35pm