

Moor Pool Allotment Association Spring Meeting

Minutes for the Meeting on Tuesday 31st March 2009
Moorpool Lower Hall 7:30pm

An informal meeting to discuss the year ahead.

1. Apologies: Keith Winkley, Mike Parkes, Beryl Beavis and Steve Wright.

2. Comments were invited on the Minutes of the previous meeting which were then agreed and passed. No matters arising.

3. Membership Report:

It was noted several members had now not paid for some time. Currently 10 Full Members and 3 Associate Members have paid. Viv Winkley queried numbers and funding in view of the continuing subscription to remain in the National Association of Allotment Gardeners. Rob Sutton to draft letter to go out to outstanding members to request payment, update records and check who still wishes to remain as part of the association. A member raised the point regarding dates of meetings and planning for them accordingly. The turnout for this meeting was disappointing and numbers had declined. It was also commented upon that people might take up allotments but not join the Association.

4. Association funds to 2.2.2009 were £211.16 with approx £44 to come out in debits. (Subscription). All other bills paid to date.

5. Rob Sutton read out a copy of the e-mail received from Phil Nelson regarding the allotments.

6. Growers Forum: On hold due to low numbers and the hire cost of the Hall.

7. Activities and Events.

The Allotment Walk was proposed again for summer around July, divided into 2 groups if there are sufficient numbers, and the date to be agreed. Rob would check if the Hall was free.

Plant Swop or Produce Event. Exchange too much of one thing for something else. Again, numbers, quantities and items would be a concern. Rob mentioned Bob Flack, the Harborne Village Manager, with a view to possibly promoting the Moor Pool Allotment Association at the Carnival.

Rob then asked for suggestions and ideas, and the following were put forward:-

Trips Out – Ashwood Nursery

Bee Keeping

Wildlife Trust – to include Bats, plants of the area, plants specific to the Estate

RSPCB Sanctuary and Nature Reserve

Winterbourne Historical Link – Talk and/or Visit

Joint Venture to link all the Clubs

Contact with Harborne Hill Allotments.

8.AOB.

Mention was made of overgrown footpaths, in particular where fencing installed within a garden had left the hedge unattended outside. Pussy Willows which had previously been coppiced were now overgrown and dropping into the pond. Specifics were requested by Rob to bring to the attention of Grainger.

Outstanding Allotment members to be contacted.

Rob Sutton thanked all those who had attended. The meeting finished at 08:45pm