

WAA AGM Agenda
Wednesday 27 February 2019
Wellesbourne Village Hall – 7.00pm for 7.45pm

1. Welcome **Ian Hope**
2. The History of Wellesbourne Allotments **Ken Manning**
3. Guest Speakers
 - a) Guy Harrison Wellesbourne and Walton Horticultural Society
 - b) Heather Brown from OSCARS/Dementia Plot
4. Apologies for Absence **Anne-Marie Ortu**
5. Minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 28 February 2018 **Ian Hope**
6. Matters arising from those minutes **Ian Hope / ALL**
7. Committee activity – to be circulated **Anne-Marie Ortu**
8. Officer's Reports
 - a) Treasurer **Ken Manning**
 - b) Lettings Secretary **Simon Oram**
 - c) Secretary **Anne-Marie Ortu**
9. What now after the EGM vote?/CBDF update **Ian Hope**
10. Use of weed killers on site **Malcolm Larby**
11. Care of the hedgerow **Ian Hope**
12. Volunteers for jobs **Malcolm Larby**
13. Thefts from site and action taken. How we proceed if repeated. **Andy Palin**
14. Proposal for NGS Open Day 2020 **Ken Manning**
15. Street Fayre Saturday 15 June 2019 **Ian Hope**
16. New website **Wendy Nekar**
17. 2018 'Best kept Allotment' **Ian Hope**
 - 1st prize Presentation of trophy by Colin Wheeler to Ken Manning
 - Runner Up – Sue and Terry Welch
 - Third Prize – Richard Band
18. 2018 'Best Newcomer' presentation of trophy by Keith Steadman to John and Gillian Wilson **Ian Hope**
19. 2019 Best Kept Allotment and Best Newcomer – vote to continue **Ian Hope**
20. Election of 2018 Officers
 - Chairman – Ian Hope
 - Treasurer – Ken Manning
 - Secretary – Anne-Marie Ortu
 - Lettings Officer – Simon Oram
 - Committee Members x 5
 1. Wendy Nekar
 2. Malcolm Larby
 3. Sharon Underhill
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21. Any other business **Ian Hope**
22. Date of next meeting **Anne-Marie Ortu**

Raffle and Close of meeting

1	Welcome Ian Hope	Approximately 60 plot holders were in attendance
2	The History of Wellesbourne Allotments Ken Manning	A Potted History. A very informative presentation which will be available on the WAA website
3	<p>Guest Speakers Guy Harrison Wellesbourne and Walton Horticultural Society</p> <p>Heather Brown from OSCARS/Dementia Plot</p>	<p>The society comprises 9 members who arrange Spring and Autumn show and annual plant sale. Guy has a challenge which is to keep the shows running by encouraging people such as WAA to join the show as participants. Diary date – spring Show Saturday 18 April and Autumn show Saturday 7 September. Plant sale Saturday May 11. Need more entries. Programs available in the village and an online version will also be available. All records are now held with Warwickshire archives since 1859 with the exception of the war years</p> <p>Eat healthily, don't drink, don't smoke and be active reduce the chance of getting dementia. We all have a 46% chance of developing dementia. The plot is at the stage for work to start – need slabs to be levelled. Need volunteers to enable work start in May/June. Volunteers needed for the 1st Mondays and 4th Wednesdays of each month for visits to take place – just 2 hours of your time will make such a difference. Visitors will have a family member to take care – volunteers just need to be able to show and assist visitors. Workshops will be run for volunteers to learn more.</p>

		Volunteers to give details to Simon and Ken
4	Apologies for Absence Anne-Marie Ortu	
	Penny Gaskell Keith Steadman Su Mee Jessica Pinson Mary Webb Hazel Haywood Edward Hutchinson Karen Jukes Adrian Osborn Colin Reed Kate Sugden Carley Davies	
5	Minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 28 February 2018 Ian Hope	True and accurate record with no objections
6	Matters arising from those minutes Ian Hope / ALL	Comment re CCTV signs not being on front gate. KM to reinstate
7	Committee activity – to be circulated Anne-Marie Ortu	Previously emailed to all plot holders and copies in circulation on the night
8	Officer's Reports	
	Treasurer Ken Manning	
	Very active accounts with various grants and NGS open day. NGS income over expenditure is a minus due to grants received – money was held over and spent the following year. Additional funding was secured for the dementia plot – this money has now been spent Water expenditure was quite high but the supplier did not bill due to handover from Severn Trent to Waterplus No questions from the floor Peter 'Maxwell has asked for more subtotals for a full understanding Honorarium for secretary proposed and	Ken Manning

	agreed	
	Lettings Secretary Simon Oram	
	<p>116 half plots in total (14 of these run as 7 Full Plots</p> <p>and 10 quarter plots 2 ½ and 1 ¼ plot for reletting</p> <p>People on waitlist are not in position to take plait so list is at zero – ideal time for people to join the. Plot request form is now available on website</p> <p>Committee Contacts : Plots 1-16 Ken Manning Plots 17 -31 Malcolm Larby Plots 32 – 46 Simon Oram Plots 47-61 Sharon Underhill</p> <p>These committee members are points of contact for issues, access to green shed</p> <p>Plot inspections to take place during second week of April, first week of June and first week of Sept.19.</p> <p>John Wilson asked about untidy plots – what plan of action do we take?</p> <p>Ken Manning has sprayed several plots to keep weed free</p> <p>Ian Hope suggested we give consideration to rotovate untidy plots</p> <p>Ann Witts commented that we have strict rules but we need to enforce them. Ian Hope explained this is why we now take a £50 deposit from new plot holders. Suggestions welcome to committee</p> <p>Simon Oram confirmed that waitlist people are not being put off by untidy plots</p>	

	Secretary Anne-Marie Ortu	
	Nothing major to report Please advise of changes to contact details especially email addresses	
9	What now after the EGM vote?/CBDF update Ian Hope	
	We have heard nothing back from the Diocese since the EGM- just a holding response from CBDF.	
10	Use of weed killers on site Malcolm Larby	
	<p>Presentation regarding use and warning of the pros and cons of using glyphosate</p> <p>Peter Maxwell has asked for statistics on how much is dangerous to humans.</p> <p>More information to be posted on the website</p> <p>Steve England mentioned that it is used around our waterways with a detrimental effect</p>	<p>Committee recommendations :</p> <p>In August 2018 news came that a Groundsman in the US has won a legal action against Monsanto, manufacturers of Roundup. The Groudsman has contracted Non Hodgkins Lymphoma, he is terminally ill with this disease. The court deemed there was sufficient evidence to link his disease to use and consequent exposure to Roundup. This being the case the committee recommends applying the precautionary principle if using weed killers:</p> <p>Always adhere to the manufacturer's instructions for use.</p> <p>Avoid breathing sprayed mist and vapour.</p> <p>Always immediately wash any weed killer contact from the skin.</p> <p>Always protect children and pets.</p> <p>Do not spray if there is a wind or breeze. Be considerate of your allotment neighbours.</p> <p>Be considerate of our environment. Weed killers eliminate habitat for many organisms above the surface.</p> <p>There are questions on what damage is done by weed killers to</p>

		organisms within the soil. Consider whether you can manage your allotment without the use of weed killer. No weed killing on common paths, Rule 9 of our constitution.
11	Care of the hedgerow Ian Hope	
	<p>Rubbish is being dumped in the hedgerow from plot holders . Ian Hope urges plot holders not to dump rubbish but to remove it from the site responsibly</p> <p>Biodiversity project to be undertaken to enhance the hedgerows - details to follow shortly</p> <p>Peter Maxwell asked about Mountford Close hedges being over grown</p>	KM to speak to house owners
12	Volunteers for jobs Malcolm Larby	
	Malcolm explained volunteers jobs and appealed for support for the committee that various jobs around the site – as much or as little as you like. Full list of jobs has been emailed to plot holders and ML will co-ordinate support network	
13	Thefts from site and action taken. How we proceed if repeated. Andy Palin	
	<p>Several obvious thefts last summer . Small cameras placed in strategic areas which had been targeted. Sharon Underhill, Wendy Nekar and Andy Palin spoke to a young lady onsite – she was escorted offsite and the thefts stopped. Please challenge people you do not recognise on the site and report any thefts to the committee. Ensure that the gate is locked if you are last to leave</p> <p>CCTV is high maintenance and requires servicing at least every 3 days</p>	
14	Proposal for NGS Open Day 2020 Ken	

	Manning	
	We need to decide now to ensure entry in the NGS Booklet for publicity. The open days raise funds for WAA and local groups Agreed and no objections noted	
15	Street Fayre Saturday 15 June 2019 Ian Hope Volunteers needed to help with stall and tombola	
16	New website Wendy Nekar	
	Brief demonstration of website and areas highlighted. Events, news, plot holder applications. Need articles from plot holders. One per month for Wellesbourne and Walton News	
17	2018 'Best kept Allotment' Ian Hope 1 st prize Presentation of trophy by Colin Wheeler to Ken Manning Runner Up – Sue and Terry Welch Third Prize – Richard Band	
18	2018 'Best Newcomer' presentation of trophy by Ian Hope (John Steadman unable to attend) to John and Gillian Wilson	
19	2019 Best Kept Allotment and Best Newcomer – vote to continue Ian Hope	
	Happy to continue	
20	Election of 2018 Officers	All proposed and seconded with no objections
	Chairman – Ian Hope	
	Treasurer – Ken Manning	
	Secretary – Anne-Marie Ortu	
	Lettings Officer – Simon Oram	

	Wendy Nekar	
	Malcolm Larby	
	Sharon Underhill	
	John Taylor	
	Mary Gesler	
21	Any other business Ian Hope	
	John Monaghan state of unused plots	Committee to discuss unused plots at next meeting – may require volunteers as a working party to assist with the clearance and tidy up of some plots
22	Date of next meeting Anne-Marie Ortu	
	Wednesday 26 February 2020	

Raffle raised : £49.10

Tea/Coffee raised : £4.90

Donations from wildflower seeds for Kidney Cancer UK