

RAGA Minutes 7.00 PM 16th Sept 2019

Gledhow Sports and Social Club

Present: Peter, Steve, Will, John, David plus Michael Morse

Peter was elected as chair for the meeting.

1. Apologies: Bob, Susan, Patrick.

2. Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Matters arising: Steve suggested we order the Skip earlier given the time LCC had taken to respond. All agreed.

Open Gardens Event – RAGA one of 27 gardens/sites open to the public, which raised 4K for St Gemma's Hospice. We did manage to attract some new Garden members. Peter requested more volunteers to help next year.

4. Hut – Mike advised containers could be ready early in October with a completion date shortly after. No update as yet regarding the Sub Station. It was agreed that the required planting as part of the planning permission was not a priority given the time of year. It was agreed to delegate 'Sign off' and return of existing container to the Thursday Group.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that Mike should confirm the number of Trustees required for the LCC Lease and check arrangements for signing.

5. Letting: 4/5 vacant plots more coming up. 18 on waiting list. Plot inspection completed and 10 notices sent out awaiting responses. Overall site is looking good with the exception of a small number of badly kept sites.

6. Treasurer's report: John reported £8.5K paid as first instalment for containers and that we would have approx. £5/6K left of £22,600 Insurance pay-out, after paying for containers. John confirmed I&E running as last year. We have £3000 in a separate deposit account.

Steve advised he has received £300 for the wood chipper which was no longer required.

7. BBQ, 6th July. Feedback - Event another great success with approx. 50 paying participants generating a small surplus. Only issues being the number of people paying on the day (approx. 50%) which meant it was difficult to plan the food.

9. Communication & Web Site: Shop Winter opening hours, Seed Catalogues on web site. Web Site working OK. Leeds Allotment Federation Learning Day 19th October.

10. Thursday Volunteer Group: Steve advised several new members, Hanna, Lara, and a second Colin have joined the group. Grass cutting, clearing plots, wild-flower garden and general tidy up. Lawn Mower repaired. Starting Hedge Trimming. Alan donated a Petrol Strimmer.

11. Annual Rent: Peter updated spread sheet. Sue and Mike sending out emails before end of Sept. As agreed Service charge remaining same for coming year. Mike to chase up Bank Authorisation.

14, Next Meeting Date: 13 Jan 2020

15. AOUB: None

