

**Craven Vale & Whitehawk Hill Allotment Society  
3rd Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 7 May 2017  
The Hub**

Jane Hawkins	5 CV
Jenny Embleton	118 CV
James Gilderoy	37/2 CV
Tessa Pawsey	25 WH
Jane Griffin	46 & 47 WH
Paul Skelly	36/2 CV
Diana Woodward	37/1 CV
Maxwell Clarke	42 CV
Andrew Doig	42 CV
Janice Johnson	133 WH
Nas Andronicou	87 WH
Phil Haupt	141 WH
Heather Richards	141 WH
Sarah Mann	14 CV
Rose Quilton	41 CV

Apologies: Arthur Tallon

Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes were agreed.

Chair's Report and Matters Arising

- The two committee vacancies at the last AGM had subsequently been filled.
- There had been a big intake of new plot holders at recent letting sessions, which was very encouraging.
- Volunteers were needed so the Hub could open more regularly, especially during the summer.
- There was continuing concern about uncontrolled dogs and trespassers using the site to exercise dogs.
- A large part of the site remained under threat of being designated as suitable for housing development in the City Plan (further details on the City Plan process can be found on the [BHCC website](#)) – it was agreed to raise this with Brighton Kemptown General Election candidates.
- The recipe book had been a great success with about half the print run sold at Seedy Sunday in February. (Many thanks to Jane H, Jenny and Tessa for their hard work in producing the book.)

## Treasurer's Report

The Society has £388.34 in the bank plus stock available for sale (compost, manure, slug bait, horticultural fabrics etc).

About £200 of the total is refundable money for keys.

A £250 environment sustainability grant had been spent on rainwater butts, which had been sold at cost. Two are left for sale.

## Election of Committee members

Nominations were made and seconded and the following were elected:

Chair – Jane Hawkins

Treasurer – Jenny Embleton

Secretary – James Gilderoy

Committee Member – Tessa Pawsey

Committee Member – Arthur Tallon

Committee Member – Emma (to be confirmed if Emma wished to remain in post)

Committee Member – vacant

## Hub Spring & Summer opening times and events

It was hoped to be able to open the Hub twice a month during the summer if sufficient volunteers were available. Jenny will send an email to members seeking volunteers. New volunteers would be partnered with a more experienced member, though neither the time required nor tasks involved were onerous.

Diana Woodward volunteered to help.

## Hub shelter and grant application

The grant application for the Hub shelter had been submitted to the Brighton and Hove Allotment Federation. Although formal notification of the grant had not yet been received the indications from BHAF and the Council were that approval would be made. It was hoped to have the money shortly so construction could commence very soon.

There would be a call for volunteers to help with the construction.

## Any other business

- Concern was raised about the state of the boundary fence abutting the houses on Maresfield Road. It appeared that some of the fence was missing and trespassers had been seen on the site.

- Concern was also raised about vehicles travelling at speed on the haulage route.
- Water metering was still under consideration by the Council but it was not expected to be implemented this year.
- It had been reported that children in a house on Maresfield Road had been shooting at the site with an air pistol. The police had been alerted. [Update: A witness contacted the police and gave a full account. Two PCSOs visited the site on Friday 12 May. They were shown the back of the house from which the shots came and then went to knock on doors in that area of Maresfield Road. We have had no update from them re whether or not the culprits were found. Hopefully, this visit from the police will act as a deterrent.]
- All ploholders are encouraged to report incidents of anti-social behaviour to the police non-emergency number – 101.

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