

MINUTES OF THE BLACK PEAR GARDENING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON 18TH JANUARY 2014 AT POWICK VILLAGE HALL

APOLOGIES Janet Barbara and Roger who were all unwell, and June

MINUTES of the last meeting were approved.

MATTERS ARISING None

TREASURER'S REPORT Cathy reported a balance in the bank of £1.053.

COACH TRIPS The membership had been given the option of two outings for the summer. One was to the Dorothy Clive Garden in Staffordshire and the second one to the Yeo Valley Organic Garden in Blagdon, Somerset. By an overwhelming vote the latter was chosen. The garden had been visited by Brian and Irene previously and they both thought it would prove to be an interesting day out. Brian would make further enquiries of coach companies and report back with estimated costs etc. It was proposed to make the trip on a Thursday or Friday in August. It had also been suggested to the membership the possibility of a trip to see a "Winter Garden" at Dunham Massey in Cheshire – possibly at the end of February. It was thought the normal February indoor meeting would stay and this would be an "extra".

GARDENER'S MARKET Brian asked if the committee thought it necessary to form a sub committee to run this event. It was decided not and Cathy again agreed to write to the previous stallholders again. She has a list of previous participants but Greensleeves was also suggested as an additional one. She intimated that she would do it for 2014 only. It was suggested that the car park at the Village Hall would be for use for Disabled – stallholders and helpers only and suitable signage would be put out. Roger has agreed to do the sign for the Powick roundabout. Brian is willing to do seed sowing for children – sunflowers and marigolds and will be approaching Powick and Callow End schools with appropriate information and publicity. Pam agreed to run the Tombola and Sue Irwin (member) has

offered to help in any way on the day. Some stallholders would be located outside.

A O B Brian informed the committee that the fee for affiliation to the R H S plus the insurance premium was now due. This amount is £103.

Having visited other Gardening Clubs Brian informed us that it was a fund raising idea to have the occasional coffee morning at the home of one of the Committee members. Cathy offered to host an event – the date still to be decided but probably August – in the garden at “Round Lodge” Callow End.

Brian had been handed a poster/flyer from one of our members advertising reduced rates for the Gardening Shows if tickets were bought in advance through the Club. It was decided Brian would look into this via the RHS website and report back, when more information was available. It was felt the savings made would not justify the work involved, nevertheless enquiries would be made.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 8th April at 19 Winnington Gardens at 7 pm