

# MINUTES OF THE BPGC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2017 AT 19 WINNINGTON GARDENS HANLEY SWAN

APOLOGIES Janet Taylor and Lorna Winstone

MINUTES Were taken as read.

MATTERS ARISING The question of holding a larger raffle at the October meeting was brought up. It was suggested this would be a good idea and the proceeds for this “larger” raffle would be given to the Children’s Hospice which Garden writer Matthew Wilson is involved with. Brian handed round some relevant flyers in this connection.

The Christmas Lunch organised by Les Chivers has been booked at The Bell Inn in Broadheath for the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 12. 30. Menu will be available in September and a deposit of £5 per person to be paid by the end of September. Apparently a 10% discount may be had if the meal is ordered early. Brian thanked Les for organising this event.

Coach trip. Forms for the outing to the Dorothy Clive Garden and Bridgemere Garden Centre on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 are already available. 34 members have already signed up to date. It was proposed the Club would subsidise members to the amount of £10 each. To date we have 97 fully paid up members.

Programme for 2018.

Brian confirmed that John Massey from Ashwood Nursery |(famous for hellebores) has confirmed he is willing to speak at our October 2018 meeting. The fee will be £440 plus 45p per mile travelling expenses. He also confirmed Terry Walton who is on BBC as the Allotment Expert has been provisionally booked for 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 with a fee of £200. He lives in Wales. Also Brian suggested for July 2018 a visit to Blackmore Grange the home of Ann Robertson, with the idea of taking a picnic as well as a tour round her interesting garden. (She also opens her garden for the Hanley Swan “Open Gardens”.) June has offered to do the admin regarding the programme for 2018. Brian reported that our planned trip to The Bannutt has had to be cancelled due to ill health of the owners. It was suggested a visit to Jane Schuster’s garden in Cowleigh Bank Malvern would be a good idea.

TREASURER’S REPORT Cathy reported a balance of £3.134 in the bank with a figure of £297 to be added which is the deposit currently paid by members for the Coach trip. She also mentioned that the current £1 coins will only be legal currency until October 2017.

GARDENER'S MARKET Margaret Guy reported the following stallholders have been booked for the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Harrolds Hardy Plants,

Julie Richie Hoo House Nursery

Angela Blundell

Jim Hill Herbs

Cathy

Roger and Barbara Parker

Club Stall

Douglas photographs

Tombola – Pam will run this

Cafe – providing teas coffees and cakes. Helpers Janet B , Janet T, Irene and ???

Roger and Barbara would buy the cakes from the usual source. Agreed price Tea and cake £2.50

Tea/coffee £1 squash 50p

Membership table Jasmine.

Set up time 10. 30

Brian suggested a list be put out at the next meeting for members to volunteer to sign up to help on the day. Caroline Poulter has offered as has Sue Irwin.

A O B Spring Garden Show Brian asked if anyone would be willing to help on the GFGS stand at The Spring Garden Show on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. Les Chivers and Jenny have offered to do this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 12<sup>TH</sup> September 2017 7.30pm

Les Chivers offered to host the next meeting.

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