

# Broughton Road Allotment Association

## Skipton

Meeting 24 April 2023

The Railway 19:00 for 19:30

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome and apologies.

Stuart Hart -SS Sharon Rudge - SR Bob Smith – BS Jane Ferguson -JF Paul Tomany – PWT

David Spencer – DS Susan Spencer – SVS Jonathan Stafford – JBS Sheila Hogan – SH

Deborah Hennessey – DJH Michael Bramley - MB

Apologies from all other members by default – practice agreed unanimously.

#### 2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising - DJH

Minutes of meeting 23 January 2023 corrected item 3 attendees at meeting with STC Andrew Ward (AW) and Susan Spencer (SVS)

#### 3. Secretary's report - membership – DJH

Membership stands at 30 with 2 pending – DJH to have push for membership post late May Bank Holiday

#### 4. Treasurer's report – PWT

Balance on account stands at £384.31. U3A owed £20-30 and some funds are required for completion patio, sheds and tap ICB say £50. PWT and DJH requested £50 to cover costs paper and printing over past years – agreed.

#### 5. Plot 5 – work done and to be done – JBS & DS & SVS

Work continues – patio and sheds to be completed and greenhouse erected shortly - U3A group continue work clearance and gardens.

Proposal event on Saturday 17/06/2023 say 12:00 to 14:00 :-

Refreshments and eatables (sandwiches/cakes and biscuits)

BBQ (BYO) - alcoholic drinks allowed (BYO)

Raffle (gardening theme) - Seed/Plant /Produce exchange for donations

Bunting/Balloons

Councillors to be invited - Council Staff to be invited.

Open to all plot holders & SMAA members

Publicity – Facebook – Craven Herald

Agreed unanimously.

6. Skipton Town Council (Public Services Committee) Meeting – DJH – last meeting 13/04/2023 – DNA – second hand report via SMAA. No report available but see minutes at [https://www.skiptontowncouncil.gov.uk/Public\\_Services\\_Committee\\_40187.aspx](https://www.skiptontowncouncil.gov.uk/Public_Services_Committee_40187.aspx)

Next meetings 19/05/2023 23/06/2023 14/07/2023. Would be good to have presence.

7. Skipton Gardening Club – DJH – Next meeting 17/05/2023 - Favourite plant associations - Michael Myers, Craven College see website <http://www.skiptongardenersclub.org.uk/>

#### 8. AOB

Plot costs – still no results notified - take to meeting with STC 10/05/2023

Car parks – poor states – access for less able problems - take to meeting STC 10/05/2023.

Event SMAA – attended by DJH & PWT enjoyable – BRAA to emulate see below.

Event Plot 5 – see item 5 above.

North Yorkshire Police – keeping eye on site following damage etc flyer circulated – sign up for information at [www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk)

Bloom – new garden centre on Broughton Road (Tapsall carpets site) – DJH in contact owner and discount offered to BRAA members – details to be sorted.

9. Date and time next meeting – Monday 31 July 2023 at 19:00 – venue to remain at The Railway as provided free – thanks to Carol

Meeting closed at 20:30

Addendum – meeting Skipton Town Council staff – Emma Wakley – Dale Wilkinson – Mark Robinson

DJH PWT and MB attended a meeting with STC staff at 10:00 on 10/05/2023. The following were discussed: -

a. **plot sizes and rental** – the work has been done regarding plot sizes – council staff are in the process of contacting those whose plot sizes are not as recorded to discuss rents – the general rule is for rents to remain the same for 2023/2024 as noted in minutes of STC PSC meeting of 22/03/2023 i.e. the rent for any plot over 100m<sup>2</sup> to remain at £96 - a programme of splitting large plots is to be undertaken when large plots vacated and returned to STC - third party agreements to continue - anyone with any queries regarding their plot size and rent are to contact STC direct as the matters are considered to be private between council and plot holder (see website for contact details Tel: 01756 700533 or email

[https://www.skiptontowncouncil.gov.uk/Council\\_Staff\\_40166.aspx](https://www.skiptontowncouncil.gov.uk/Council_Staff_40166.aspx) )

b. **animal keeping** – STC staff aware of animals kept and type of animals restricted by tenancy agreement (except those existing) - no new animals except as designated and with permission STC – STC to check animals tagged as per legislation.

c. **vermin/rats** – seem to be under control – regular attention by specialist contractors – reports to STC direct if problems arise. BRAA provided with pest control inspection schedule.

d. **car parks** – STC staff accept that all need attention and that access to site restricted for some – investigating obtaining crushed stone to remedy situation – problems with delivery of tractor accessory will delay matters so there is no set date of action.

e. **unattended plots/weeds/letting/waiting list** – there are only 2 unlet plots at BR and 21 on waiting list so expected wait time for plot is 12 months – STC staff looking at lettings currently and will be checking plots given up to STC and available for letting - inspections regarding cultivation will be undertaken and plot holders contacted as necessary with warning letters issued with view to rectification within specified time limits.

f. **selling produce/plants** – plot holders strictly forbidden to sell and make profit from produce grown or husbanded – BRAA may offer plants/produce for suggested donations only – any evidence plot holders breaking rules should be reported direct to STC staff who will clarify the position

g. **dog poo bags** – provided at request plot holders and dog walkers – agreed that STC will supply bags which can be kept in Plot 5 sheds and replenished by BRAA members – Discussed costs and contract service required for dog foul bin. No bins to be provided, dog walkers/owners expected to take bags away and dispose of themselves.

h. skips – no provision for skips in current year due to cost increases – staff will look at budget late in year to see if provision can be made and approach councillors for permission to carry forward funds to spring 2024 to allow for skips April/May 2024.

i. **progress report Plot 5 given** Shed erection and patio lay almost complete. Footings for greenhouse laid and greenhouse should be in place soon. Verbal invitation to event on Saturday 17 June 2023 at 12:00 to celebrate end first phase work.

**Additional comments:** STC not currently taking over the management of any of any allotment sites previously managed by Craven District Council.

Boundaries of some plots will be re-checked and defined by MR and DW.

**Proposed date next meeting** - Thursday 10 August 2023 at 10am in Skipton Town Council's meeting room.