

SMAA Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 16th September, 6 pm at the Hub

- 1) Welcome and apologies - Present – Ann, Mags, Marisa, Jeff, Angie
Apologies – Lisa

2) Last minutes and matters arising

There were no matters arising

3) Treasurer's report

Jeff reported that we have £641.81 in the bank with nothing outstanding.

4) Secretary's report

We now have 26 members. Seed catalogues have been distributed. Orders to Mags by 1st October please.

5) Skipton Town Council links

This was held on Thursday September 11th at 11am – present Jeff, Ann, Angie and Emma. See minutes from this meeting circulated with these minutes.

Main points -

- The Public Services Committee have agreed a £5 reduction in rent next year for anyone with a connected waterbutt with a lid.
 - Rats – Emma said they can't licence another person to work alongside the pest control officer. But please report any sightings of rats to STC directly so they can pass this on to the pest control officer. **Please contact Emma on 01756 700553 or Dale on 07715904217 or email emma@skiptontowncouncil.gov.uk. Mags to ask Derek if he's willing to patrol informally and report back to STC.** Please note there is still a ban on additional livestock applications which will be reviewed in October.
 - Untended plots - New tenants are given 6 months to work on new plots and generally 25% of a plot needs to be in good order Inspections are regular. **Tenants need to report any concerns to Emma using the details above.** Reps for the allotments aren't an option now the allotment officers are in place.
 - Car park plans – The 2 quotes STC have had are going to Public Services Committee meeting in October for approval from the committee. STC can't proceed without their approval.
 - Update on tree maintenance and plans – Emma reported back on the concern about the tree outside plot 111/112 – see STC minutes. The Public Services Committee have to first approve that they are happy for the arborist to conduct a full inspection and map of all the estate's trees. If they agree this another inspection will go ahead after this. Otherwise, this will not go ahead. **Individual concerns to be reported to Emma.**
 - Ownership of Middletown Allotment – see minutes. Emma is going to try and find out more. More info about legal status of allotments can be found on the National Association's website: <https://thenas.org.uk/Allotment-Laws>
 - Skip – Emma is hoping to book skips for Friday 24th October. Mark has kindly said he will supervise delivery and collection of the skips and we are putting a rota together to supervise over the day so that we know what is being put in. More details later.
- 6) Hub - Rota was updated – we'll open up Saturday mornings 10.30 – 11am until the end of October.
- 7) AOB - Non
- 8) Next SMAA meeting - Tuesday 4th November 6pm at 38 Castle Street.
- 9) Next STC meeting Thursday 20th November 11am at STC offices

