

## SMAA Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm at 38 Castle Street

- 1) Welcome and apologies - Present – Mags, Angie, Richard, Derek, Jeff  
Apologies – Christine, Deborah, David
- 2) Last minutes and matters arising – From Angie – she's try to find out costs for Public Liability Insurance but though she's found out that quite a few councils ask for this she hasn't been able to find out costs.
- 3) Treasurer's report – Jeff reported we have £1060 in the bank. This includes £300 for the small shed (more later). We decided that funds are looking healthy so proposal is to reduce membership next year to £5.
- 4) Secretary's report – membership is steady and we currently have 26 members. All seeds have been distributed now.
- 5) Skipton Town Council links and feedback – please see attached minutes from Emma.

### **Actions from main points**

**Rats** – Jeff to feed back to Emma that Derek is happy to meet the rat man to go round the site and to liaise with STC about how to get message to the rat man when he's next at the site. ***If anyone has any issues about rats please can you let us know where and when so we can report these. We need to know where the problems are.***

**Rubbish by main gate.** This has now been removed. Thanks Dale and Mark.

**Public Liability Insurance** – waiting for feedback from Emma who is going to check with the Chief Officer and councillors about the council's position.

**Rent review** – see STC response. This is ongoing and STC are looking at how to charge in the future. Tenants with current half plot issues – Mags to liaise with BRAA re their progress with this and to check NSALG advice about 250m2 plot size. We hope to be able to get info and Angie would like to work with other tenants affected to take this forward.

**Car parking** – the plan is to remove the large tree stump to provide more parking space.

### **6) Hub**

**Maintenance day** – went well and the hub and most of the fencing has now been treated.. Plan is to have another in March / April

**Small shed** – we now have funding for this. Derek to look at feasibility of building up the existing low shed as an option. This is currently dangerous as its too low. This might be better than putting another shed up.

### **7) AOB**

**Access to plots 113a – 115a.** Angie reports that this is so uneven an boggy its becoming a fall hazard. Angie to send report and photos to Jeff to take up with STC.

**Shipley Potato Day** – sorry this isn't 11<sup>th</sup> February. This was last year's date. 2024's date hasn't been put on line yet but I'll keep an eye out for this.

**NSALG AGM** – please see separate email with minutes and presentation link. This was about soil health and may be of interest.

**Renewal of Broughton Road Allotment Association membership** – Mags to renew this.

Date and time of next meeting - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 6pm at the Hub or here.