

SMAA Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday 5th March 6.15pm at 38 Castle Street

1) **Welcome and apologies** - Present – Ann, Mags, Angie, Jeff, Florence, Richard (IE)

2) **Last minutes and matters arising**

- we still need to speak to Derek about expenses for the new shed.
- Mags /Angie to try to see Joel about grants
- there is less rubbish by the entrance – hopefully people are taking notice of the signs.

3) **Treasurer's report** – We have £1105 in the bank. We need paint etc for maintenance and insurance in May. We also still have up to £300 grant which we've been told we can use for the shed and to reimburse Derek.

4) **Secretary's report** – We have 1 new member, making 30 members this year. National Association membership has gone up to £3.50.

5) **Skipton Town Council links and feedback**

Minutes from last meeting on 4/12/24 have been circulated.

Questions to take to next STC/SMAA meeting on Thursday 3rd April 10.30am:

- clarify whether meetings for us and Broughton Road will be joint or not
- what are the plans for the bays STC have built in the plot near the rec. Could they be used for things like manure, chippings etc.
- what are the plans for levelling and hardcore for the car park area where the tree has been removed. We think this would be our priority for raising funds.
- water butts - could there be a discount for people who install systems to act as an incentive. This could be an alternative approach to sending letters asking people to install them.
- do we know how bad the underground leaks are - could we test this by turning water off at night and checking the meters to see if it's still registering that water is being used.

- **Next meeting Thursday 3rd April 10.30am**
- Jeff, Ann and Richard to go
- Mags to circulate questions and check venue with Emma.

6) **Hub**

Maintenance – next maintenance day is Sunday 13th April, 1pm at the Hub. Jeff will organise paint, brushes etc, Mags will organise poster and drinks, please come along and bring something to share.

Opening the hub - we need a new rota for the hub. Mags to organise

Stocking compost – we will do this after the maintenance day

7) **AOB**

Angie mentioned that she's spoken to someone who has a supply of horse manure. The suggestion is for it to be left near the car parking area and to circulate via the allotment Facebook page when it's there

We still have stones at the hub if anyone wants any.

8) **Next meeting: Wednesday 9th April 6pm - hopefully at the Albion pub (Mags to check)**