

2018 AGM

23/04/2018 @ 7PM

Barton Hall Church, Barton Hill Road, Torquay

Chairman – Bob Disley, Secretary – Gary Poston, Treasurer - Emma Newton

MINUTES

- Chairman Disley welcomed the members to the meeting and apologised for postponement of original date. due to adverse weather conditions.
- Apologies from Bob Henderson, Julie Clarke, Ian Hall and Mr & Mrs Clark.
- Meeting was being recorded for minutes purposes.
- Minutes from previous AGM were nominated by Denise Ullcorn and seconded by Tony Pearce.
- Matters arising from previous AGM
Top Path at South Park was highlight by Christine Clarke A section and path now gravelled plus the car park to alleviate the mud when it is wet.
- **Chairman's Report** : Thanks were given to the committee members standing down this year for their hard work and support over the last year, Emma Newton – treasurer, Gary Poston – Secretary and Denise Ullcorn – minutes Secretary for past three years plus Rhian Poston for being seed secretary. He also thanked Rhian for cleaning the ladies composting toilet and announced from this meeting date a rota would be started to ensure it was the same people cleaning the toilet. He reminded the embers that it is there for passing water only if ladies get caught short. He highlighted work done over the last 12 months at South Park; the disabled path put forward by Gary Poston was completed. The top path and car park were gravelled. The fencing on B section was replaced at no cost to the association as panels donated by Tony Pearce and Vernon Sutton-TAHCAL members.
- **Secretary's Report** : Midterm an auditor was co-opted by the committee, a Mr Vernon Sutton – South Parks and thanked Vernon for taking that on. He explained that the Treasurer from the last AGM resigned after a week and then the 2nd Treasurer co-opted onto the committee also resigned in July 2017 with a third Treasurer Emma Newton co-opted onto the committee. The accounts were audited by Vernon Sutton to enable Emma to take office. The association has 210 members as date of the AGM and 22 people on the waiting list. There has 38 plot applications, 16 non-cultivation letters and 7 evictions during the time form the last AGM. The fruit and flower show which the association hasn't been run for the last few years has been pencilled in for the Saturday on the August Bank Holiday weekend. He reminded the members that the association needs a show secretary for that to run.
- **Treasurer's Report** : The financial report which all members had a copy of were run through. The accounts were audited and confirmed by a Ms Helen White (Accountant). The balances and outgoings/incomings were confirmed (see financial statement for 2017/18). This included the current account, the reserve fund and the show fund. The accounts were adopted by a majority and nominated by Jackie Taylor and seconded by George Green.
Current account is £9086.96, Reserve balance has not changed from last year and show account is £372.82
- **Members proposals and discussions** :
A rule that defines the plot holders responsibility to maintain paths by Mrs Rajan Mistry, South Parks. This was pointed out by the chairman to already exist in the members rule book so no vote taken.

Ian Simpson Proposal, Quinta Allotments regarding increasing deposits to deter members from leaving rubbish and junk on their plots and cover costs for skips etc. if the plots have to be cleaned up. It was pointed out that the association can look to recover the costs by charging the plot holders as per members

rule book and use small claims court if necessary but that does have a cost implication. Also Stewards should be reminding plot holders if they are accumulating rubbish so there isn't a problem in the first place.. Members present were also worried about the cost of the deposit would put a financial strain on new members and it would be hard to charge retrospectively as rules different then. A vote was taken and proposal was voted down. 9 for the proposal and 25 against.

Eileen Rowe proposal, South Parks. The use of weed killer should be only administrated by watering can and not spray. It was reminded by the chairman that this had been voted on previously at a previous AGM. However discussion from the floor suggested that weed killer comes ready mixed and a spray form and can't be mixed further? The proposal as above though was voted on and passed by a large majority and will be added to the rule book. 27 for the proposal and 7 against.

Gary Poston, South Parks. There is no formal guidelines or mechanism for plot inspections at present. Stewards to inspect plots April, June and August and determine what is fair/uncultivated. Senior committee to assist as requested. Discussion was about the months inspected and agreed to add October to cover more of the year. It is up to section steward to do the inspections and to ask for help if needed. Proposal voted on and carried in favour of plot inspections 49 to nil.

Gary Poston, South Parks. Members to have an agreement on their person that they are a member of TAHCAL. Members voted by 42 to nil to accept proposal that each member gets a card stating their name, site, plot number and a 10p share. Also to get a copy of their tenancy agreement signed by the secretary.

- Election of only nominee for Chairman Bob Disley – Voted for 49 and nil against thereby elected.
- Election of secretary. Pre AGM nominees have withdrawn so taken to the floor for nominees. Tony Wilcock from Stantaway put himself forward and was nominated by Tony Mason and seconded by Gary Poston and was voted in by a majority.
- Election of treasurer. No Pre AGM nominations so put to the floor for nominees. Pauline Cartledge put herself forward, nominated by Emma Newton and seconded by Ian Simpson and voted in by a majority.
- Election of Stewards.

Beechfield – No steward as only two members from Beechfeld. To be co-opted by the committee.

Stantaway – David Lane voted in, nominated by Tony Wilcock and seconded by Brendon Hext.

Quinta – Ian Simpson voted in, Kate Todd Voted in and Pam Dommet-Moss Voted in.

SouthPark – A section – no nominees, to be co-opted by committee

B Section – Tony Mason, nominated by Ted seconded by Mike Hawkin

C section – Vernon Sutton, Nominated by Rhian Poston and seconded by Graham Palmer

Minute secretary – No Nominees

Show Secretary – No Nominees

Seed Secretary – Rhian Poston

Lay Auditor – Denise Ullcorn, Nominated by Emma Newton and seconded by Vernon Sutton.

- Any other Business
George Green brought up the water stand pipes regarding the lease from the council. Chairman went through each site. SouthPark to have new pipe lain and new tap with lock on it. Stantaway only one tap now. Quinta and Beechfield to be investigated further.
- Date of next Committee meeting set for 7pm on 8th May