

The Wrightson Allotments

Minutes of AGM held at The Town Hall
on Thursday 7 March 2019 at 6pm

Chair

Derek Beer

Apologies

Tenants: Larry Whitty (Angela Forester), Elizabeth Staveley, Jonathan Clunees-Ross & Katherine Gowing, Valerie Baker, Donald Houghton, Eric & Alison Olsen, Hilary Bell & Tim Timms

Trustees: James Thrift

Attendees

Tenants: Sue Adams-Lingwood, Margaret Lewis, David Ridout, Tom Staveley, Julia Cardozo, Julia & Mike Bradford, Nadra Mamsaran, John Buckland, Richard North

Trustees: Derek Beer, John Parker

1. Welcome

Welcome to Nadra Namsaran & Hayden, Hilary Bell & Tim Timms and Julia & Mike Bradford, who are all taking on ¼ allotments for 2019.

2. Finance

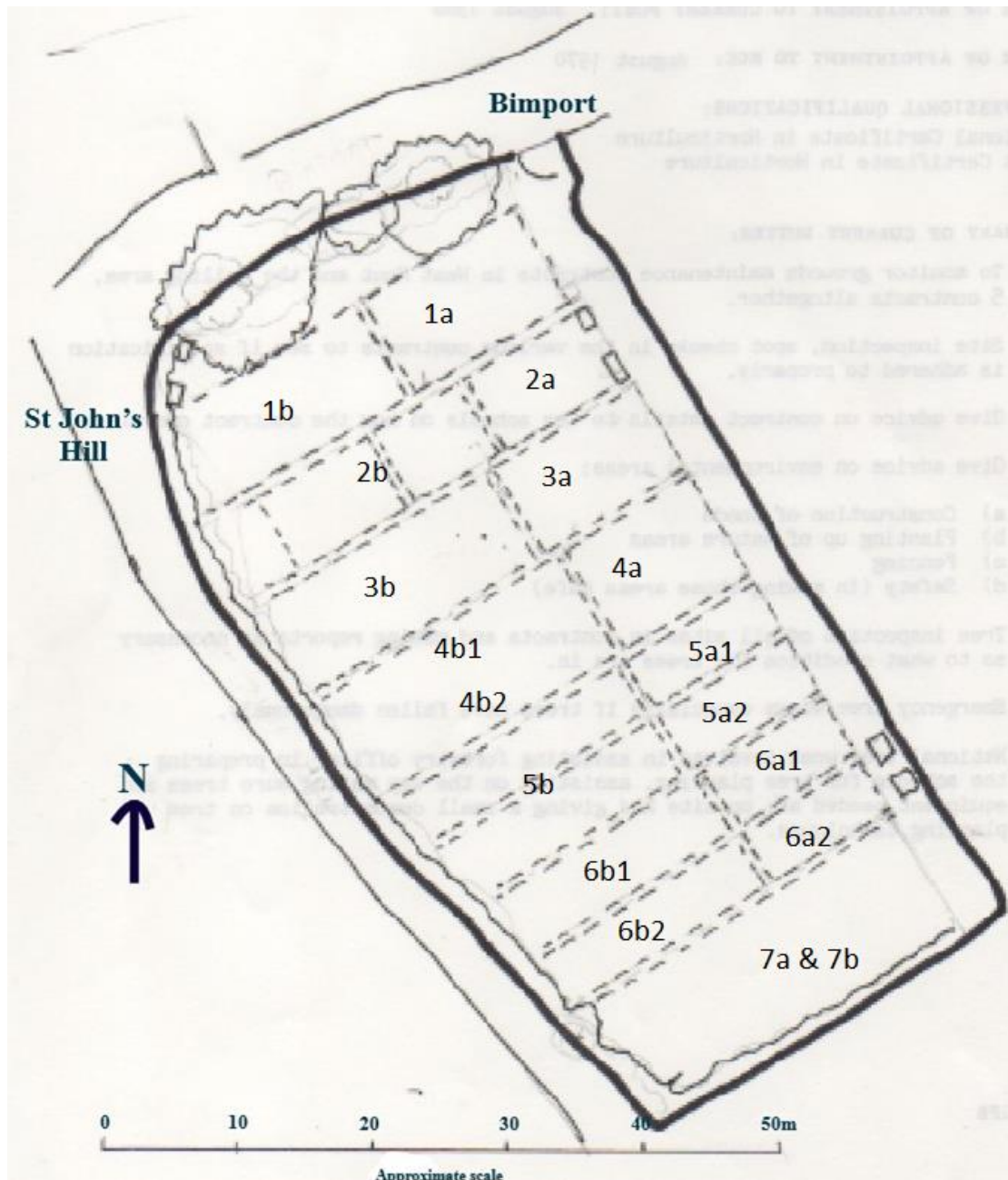
The current bank balance is £1,655.72 (as of Feb 1st). A bank error (payment from the wrong trust account) of £121.58 will be credited to this. We are expecting £295.00 to be withdrawn, when a cheque to Ben Carter from last September is cashed. Sue Adams-Lingwood flagged: (a) a missing £10 from monies collected in March 2017, (b) a missing September Water payment in the ledger on the website and (c) an outstanding Wayleave cheque £2 has yet to be paid into the account. Income not including voluntary contributions is £282.00 p/a. With contributions this covers operational expenditure, but capital expenditure has meant that our balance has modestly depleted over 2018. All rents for 2018 were collected and banked.

3. Rents

Rents were not explicitly discussed, but rents for March 2019 will continue at £20 per half allotment to cover operational expenditure.

4. Plots

Nadra Namsaran & Hayden have moved into 6a2. Hilary Bell & Tim Timms have moved into 6b2 and Julia & Mike Bradford have moved into 6b1. Margaret Lewis is unsure whether she should continue with her plot. A map was requested, which is provided below:



- 1a: John Buckland, 1b: Elizabeth & Tom Staveley
 2a: Angela Forester (Larry Whitty), 2b: Sue Adams-Lingwood
 3a: Elizabeth & Tom Staveley, 3b: *Margaret Lewis (to be confirmed...)*
 4a: Erik & Alison Olsen, 4b1: Valerie Baker, 4b2: David Ridout
 5a1: Julia Cardoso, 5a2: Catherine Glower & Jonathan Clunes Ross, 5b: Richard North
 6a1: Catherine Glower & Jonathan Clunes Ross, 6a2: Nadra Namsaran & Hayden,
 6b1: Julia & Mike Bradford, 6b2: Hilary Bell & Tim Timms
 7 a & 7b: Don Houghton

5. Waiting list

There are two names on the waiting list. They will be approached, if Margaret Lewis decides to hang up her allotments gardening gloves for 2019. Derek Beer has been approached with another request, which will be added to the list too.

7. Trustees

Derek Beer, John Parker and James Thrift were confirmed as trustees again. Mike Madgwick, who has been immensely helpful to us in trimming the hedge and assisting Sue Adams-Lingwood with fixing the truck wheels, has been informally approached, but Tom Staveley suggested that we should formalise governance (e.g. updating trust's governing document) before attracting Mike.

8. Secretary

Tom Staveley will continue to act as secretary for 2019.

9. Insurance

Derek Beer's suggestion last year regarding approaching the Town Clerk, Claire Commons, to ask if the allotment insurance might be amalgamated with the Town's is still with Tom. No progress there.

10. Boundary trees

John Parker reported that we have approval for removing the sycamore overhanging St John's Hill. Derek Beer suggested that this might be a cost which could be covered by Shaftesbury Charitable Trust. Considering that, there was a vote to confirm that removing the tree would be acceptable. There was discussion about tree surgery on the trees in the Madgwicks' property, which overhang the allotments. It was pointed out that they are protected trees, which the Madgwicks would be keen to prune too, but their hands are tied.

11. Next AGM

The next AGM is scheduled for 6PM on March 5th 2020, following the *First Thursday of March* tradition.