SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR AGM 2025

The Committee started this year with 11 members and we still have 11. The maximum number by the constitution is 14. We have an elected Accounts Auditor was who is not a committee member and does not attend meetings.

There was a change in the role of secretary, thank you to everyone for being patient while I find my feet with the role. Thank to Keith for a great hand over and support and patience when I keep messaging and asking questions.

We have 46 allotments and 90 members.

Site Maintenance: -

Thanks to those who have helped through the year. We need to keep grass cut, hedges and trees trimmed, prepare abandoned plots, maintain lanes, plant common areas, maintain equipment and work on new projects. Everyone is welcome to volunteer, please let committee know if you would like to help. We have set up a help me out group so we have a good number of volunteers we can call upon. The council will cut the hedges again this year and so far haven’t charged us.

Shop:- Wilf and Dodie have done a great job again throughout the season and thanks to those who have helped with deliveries

Documents, Procedures, guidance, Minutes: are all available on our web site and minutes are also on the notice board on the shop – when I remember to put them there.

Open Day:- We raised £760 which will go towards the cost of a defibrillator.

Best Plot:- 1st Prize went to George & Jennifer on plot 41, 2nd prize went Ian and Anne on plot 42, and 3rd prize went to Sue and Peter on plot 17

Plots re-let:- in 2024 we let the following plots: - 8, 11a, 11b, 21,26, 27a twice, 27b, 28a, 33, 36, 43 and 47.

Waiting List: 48 on the waiting list.

Improvements: Lean to for side of the shop. Defib is ongoing

Committee open to suggestions for improvements to the site. Please let the Chair or Secretary know or please join the committee.

DSRM: continued to allow us to keep free use of rooms as many of us are members. If anyone would like to support DSRM please apply for membership the staff behind the bar can give you application form.

Social Media

We have a website, Instagram and Facebook pages and also a private Facebook group. Links for these will be sent with the minutes.