

Old Marston Mill Lane Allotment Association
Annual General Meeting
Held in the Church Hall, Elsfeld Road, Marston, 11 November 2016

Present: John Batey (Parish Council), Stephen Bond, Mike Boston, Rob Bryant, David Bullock (Co-opted Treasurer), Tim Cann (Parish Council Clerk), Veronica Cucuiat, Ann Fulkes, Albert Fulkes, Jim Head, Chris Mitchell (Secretary), Chris Morford, Paul Mulvaney, James Park, Jeanette Park, Hazel Rugg, Walter Towner, Masha Unkovskaya (Chair), Brian Vickers, Dana Vlad,

Apologies: Bill Agent, John Curtis

Minutes of previous AGM and matters arising:

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

	Actions
<p>Chair's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masha congratulated Chris and Kaileigh Pearce on the birth of their daughter. • This year we sadly lost our treasurer, David Manson, who died suddenly after a short illness. David Bullock stepped in valiantly as interim co-opted treasurer. We had difficulty with the bank for a few weeks as they were slow to transfer forms and signatures. In the absence of a treasurer Chris Mitchell prepared the accounts for audit. • It's been a reasonable year for growing crops and it was encouraging to see so many new, and younger plot-holders • The communal lawnmower, strimmer and rotavator are in good working order and used by enough plot holders to pay for running costs and maintenance. Plot holders were reminded to sign the book in the lock-up on the appropriate page every time one of the communal tools are used. Payment for these is at the AGM or directly to John Curtis. • Chris Mitchell reported that we booked the Church Hall on the understanding that a hearing loop would be present, but there was none. Chris to feed back to the booking secretary, as the absence of a hearing loop disadvantages some members. • Agreed to hold a number of working parties this year, the first one on Saturday, 10 December, 10.00 am to cut back hedges and general tidy up. Tim Cann reported that the Parish Council has an obligation to cut the hedge every three years and that this will be done in February. 	
<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We thanked Michael Gillespie for auditing this year's accounts. • We continue to have a healthy bank balance and it was recommended that, for the 5th year in succession, the plot rental charges remain at £21.00 for a full plot and £10.50 for a half plot. The NASLG 	

<p>membership remains at £2.50. This is a voluntary contribution towards the National Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardens Ltd. For benefits visit http://www.nsalg.org.uk/join-us/membership/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a mistake in the audited accounts, the £100 grant from the Parish Council was not noted, and the committee thanked Tim Cann and John Batey for their contribution to OMMLAA funds in the last year. • We submitted two requests for funding to ODFAA, one for £750.00 for re-erecting the collapsed wall by the mobile home park, which was denied as it did not meet the criteria, and one for £120.00 for hardcore to even out the paths between allotments where they have sunk due to drainage problems and cars, which was approved. • Chris reported that our allotment site falls outside ODFAA's funding criteria most of the time, as we are outside the city limits and we therefore have no means of accessing substantial funds. Tim Cann reported that the Parish Council is able to offer a maximum of £300 annually to organisations within its parish and it was agreed that we would bid for this amount annually from now on. 	
<p><i>Election of committee</i></p> <p>Masha Unkovskaya was re-elected as chair and Chris Mitchell as secretary. Dana Vlad was proposed as treasurer by Masha Unkovskaya and seconded by Hazel Rugg. Chris Morford was elected as an additional committee member and all existing committee members were re-elected. Jim Brown resigned from the committee and Masha thanked him for his long service.</p>	
<p><i>Any Other Business</i></p> <p>Chris Morford volunteered to create a simple website for the association, which will hold information on hiring plots, minutes of meetings, dates of social events and working parties and can be expanded to include photos, blogs, or whatever members want to add.</p>	