

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of FSALG HELD ON 28th MARCH

2019 AT OFCA

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from W Younger, T Andrews, G Pearse, K Taylor, R Bischoff, R LeBreton, S Jackson, K Rogers, with 44 members in attendance.

Minutes of 2018 AGM

The minutes of 2018 AGM having been previously circulated via the spring newsletter to all members either by electronic means or by hard copy were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no matters arising. Proposed N Farthing, Seconded by P Farrow.

Matters Arising

There were none.

Chair's report

The Chair welcomed members to the AGM and thanked the committee for their support during the year & for their hard work. He felt that 2018 had been a very successful year, with membership increasing still further. Seed potatoes were purchased from Horticultural Supplies this year rather than King's and this has proved very successful with savings to members and increased profit to the Society, there were some teething troubles with distribution, but these will be overcome in future. In consequence the revenue from Kings seed scheme was slightly down, but overall a very successful venture. The shop on plot 39 has once again been a very profitable enterprise. Partnership meetings with the Town Council had again proved mutually beneficial, one topic of concern however was the high water bill, but this was a result of the very dry season. One of the Council staff has now been trained in the safe usage of poison for vermin control, so we should see some benefit in due course. In answer to a question from the floor regarding the Council selling sheds from plots whose tenants had given up their allotment, it was stressed that tenants should attempt to sell them prior to finally leaving. N Farthing reported that membership now stands at 243.

Treasurers Report

In the absence of the treasurer, H May presented the treasurer's report (see attached) noting that the Treasurer did not recommend any increase in membership fees. Acceptance of the Treasurers report was proposed by T Mason, seconded by K Horn and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers and Committee

The Chair declared all positions vacant. J Rowlands was standing down from the committee, but R Farrow from Ferry Road had agreed to stand in his stead. It was proposed that the existing committee and Officers be re-elected en bloc, Proposed A Pratt Seconded by K Horn. carried unanimously.

Any other Business

N Farthing reported that a shed and greenhouse were available to purchase. He also advised that there has been some pilfering on Cowpasture and emphasised the need to maintain security by shutting gates. It was reported that a settee had been dumped on railway Hill, the Council are aware and the person responsible has been given 7 days to dispose of it.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm and was followed by a social event