

## Hackney Allotment Society

Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 2 October 2019 at

The Prince Pub

59 Kynaston Road, Stoke Newington N16

**Present:**  
Penny Miller - Chair  
Ruth Gladwin - Vice Chair  
Hugh Naylor - Treasurer  
Nancy Korman - Secretary

The following site representatives:

Guy Dehn (Leaside)  
Julia Rockcliffe (Overbury Street)  
Susan Sharples (Aden Terrace)  
Elsa Hamaz and Helen Bishop (Spring Lane)  
Sylvia Cummins and Andrea Sinclair (Spring Lane)

**Apologies:** Anna Dixon  
Sue Carling  
Maggie Wilkinson  
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Ian Dick  
Jack Eldon  
Hillarie Kerr  
Annie Wilson and others

**1. Minutes of the 2018 AGM**

These were agreed as an accurate record of the 2018 AGM.

**2. Report from the Chair**

Key statistics from 2019:

- 12 people received a neglected plot letter, of whom 2 retired
- 227 members currently, with circa 140 plots
- Only 3 plots were let during the year, but another 3 are now in the process of being allocated to people from the waiting list
- 3 Open Days were held which went well-attended - Aden Terrace, Overbury Street and Church Walk

**3. Treasurers' Report**

- Financially in a good position
- For the first time, income exceeded expenditure by £2000
- This was due to not having major pollarding costs, so expenses were low this past year

#### 4. Election of Officers

- Due to no new nominations having been received, the existing officers have agreed to carry on for another year
- A vote of thanks was given to MJ who was retiring as site representative from Leaside - her work was very much appreciated. Jack Eldon has agreed to take up the second site representative role for that site.
- In addition, all site representatives were thanked for their work over the past year.

#### 5. Issues raised by members

- The committee was asked to consider whether it was acceptable to let plots to those who had allotments in other boroughs
- The committee was asked to consider whether the late payment fee should be raised from the £1, as it has been for many years, to £5 or higher, as a means of encouraging people to pay fees/plot rentals on time
- A suggestion was made that an individual invoice should be sent to each member along with the notice of the AGM, rather than as part of the notice
- Members should be reminded that they can pay by standing order
- Members were reminded that there is a food bank on Thursdays at St Mary's Church Stoke Newington, and any unwanted/surplus produce would be gratefully received there

#### 6. Best Plot Awards

The following members won awards for their plots:

Aden Terrace:	Best plot	Anna Dixon
	Most improved	Tim Maby
Spring Hill:	Best Newcomers/Best Plots	Dominica Walton Cedric Rety and Aurora Sebastian
Spring Lane:	Best Plot	Joanna McAllister
Small Plots:	Best Plots	Ann Leathley (Overbury Street) Caroline Gilchrist (Church Walk)
	Best Newcomer	Yvonne Lloyd (Overbury Street)

The meeting closed at 9.00pm