

**Oakwood horticultural Society**  
**Committee meeting 25/2/2023 10-11am**

**Present:**

- Martin Smith (chair)
- Carla Pacheco
- Antonio Cosco
- Mick Wortley
- Roy Chasmar
- Chris Skilbeck (minutes)

Item	Notes
Minutes	Minutes were approved Cashflow forecast to be discussed at the next meeting
Investment figures	<p>Circulated in advance by Chas, the figure was £579. There was a discussion on the figure which didn't seem to follow from last years.</p> <p><b>Action: Chas to check the calculation in advance of the AGM</b></p> <p>Discussion on the amount of the reserve. Is it in an account that pays interest – the answer to that is yes. A decision on how to manage the reserve fund is to be deferred.</p> <p>On investment the proposal is to provide a skip for communal use, there were views on both sides as to whether this is the right thing to do. In addition there is the potential to use the money to create the paving area.</p> <p>Another long term possibility is allowing card purchasing at the shed. <b>Action: Chris agreed to look into the viability of setting up a card purchasing scheme at the trading shed.</b></p> <p>It was decided that the ideas will be raised at the AGM to see what is supported.</p>
Update from council meeting	<p>The society didn't attend, the minutes from the meeting would be sent for review by the society.</p> <p>There was a desire to raise the issue on the south access path with the council, this should be considered in the future.</p>

<p>Agenda and materials</p>	<p>Agreement to circulate the agenda, minutes and financial report. It was agreed we would have tea and coffee after the event.</p> <p><b>Action CS to circulate the papers</b>  <b>Action CS to bring milk</b></p> <p>All who are to give a report to circulate a draft by the end of next week (3rd March)</p>
<p>Spare patch of ground.</p>	<p>Agreed deliveries of manure would be between and arranged between Carla and Martin.</p> <p>The committee agreed that Martin could remove some of the top soil. In addition it was consented that a plant border could be planted.</p> <p>On the patch of ground next to Martin Smiths plot, there is a desire to use the area for seating. The committee agreed that the area should be used for seating and that it should be paved. The cost of doing that work would be covered by the development fund.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tea and coffee reimbursement – bill to be sent to Chas.</li> <li>• Committee membership – discussion on the membership of committee and the need to get more people involved. Action, all to consider inviting people to get involved and come to the AGM if possible.</li> <li>• Laminator – agreed for the secretary to purchase a laminator on the societies account. Action CS to purchase.</li> <li>• Trading shed no show, agreed that Antonio would try and talk to the member who didn't show up.</li> <li>• Mick is still looking to see if we can donate vegetables to organisations, discussions ongoing.</li> <li>• Date and time of the next meeting: CS to circulate a proposal for late March.</li> </ul>

The meeting ended after an hour with thanks for all.