WEARSIDE-SMALLHOLDERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD 28h August 2025, MILL VIEW CLUB, FULWELL

Committee and Officials present: Mr I. Hornsey; Mr. P. Hutchinson; Mrs J. Palmer; Mr J. Smurthwaite; Ms G. Clifford

Apologies: Mr J. Hornsey; Mr P. Larcombe; Mr G. Arnott; Mr. S. Palmer

Meeting attended by 57 members

AGENDA ITEMS

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Previous AGM were circulated and read by the meeting; proposed and passed as a true record.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE/OFFICIALS

Existing Committee members willing to continue.

2.1 ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

Chairman Mr P. Hutchinson; **Secretary** Mr I. Hornsey **Treasurer** Ms. J. Palmer

Rent Collector Mr S. Palmer

The meeting elected the above by show-of-hands.

2.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED

Committee members were elected by show-of-hands.

Mr P. Larcombe; Mr. J. Smurthwaite; Mr. J. Hornsey; Ms. G. Clifford; Mrs L. Smith

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3. FINANCE/TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial report was circulated and read; scrutiny and questions invited. Proposed and passed as an acceptable and true account by show-of-hands.

Question raised: How many people did not pay their rent? Answer 18

Question raised: How many gardens are free? 13

Question raised: How many gardens given out? 12

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

If people want to make suggestions or complaints, these should be put in writing for the Committee to address, and as evidence for the Council.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Rent

Rent was set at £67 (including water rates).

Collection notification will be posted as usual, but will start Sept 13th for 40 days.

Any cheques should be made payable to Wearside Smallholders & Allotments.

5.2 Bank Account

The old account as been closed, and an account is now open with Lloyd's Bank.

Question raised: Clarification of collected rent money handling. Confirmed once bank situation returns to normal, the rent collector will pay monies into the bank directly reducing cash handling and possible errors.

Question raised: Payment for rent collecting. Confirmed that this is still in place should an incumbent wish to accept it.

5.3 Planned Work

Suggested site work for the coming year was outlined, discussed and agreed, including:

- Remedial or replacement work to the car park at the site entrance. Only one estimate had been received to date; the Council's building team had been contacted and had submitted two quotations for various grades of work. Committee to pursue contract and completion.

- Rubbish removal. Previously agreed plan confirmed and agreed again. Proposed and agreed to use Mr. I. Hornsey; reimbursement at the Council tipping fee plus £20/trip. One trip per month starting 1sat October 2025.

- Committee to start a monthly walk around site to make notes of unworked gardens, unkept verges etc.

- Re-instate three letter rule to evict people from the site.

- New main gate. Plan for a single gate outlined. Plan opposed by one member.

- Dog Fouling. More notices to be installed around site.

- Repaint speed signs on road, and install stop sign at the tee junction near main gate.

6. MEETING CLOSED

Mr I. Hornsey closed the meeting and thanked members for attending.