

The Marlow Allotments Association  
Meeting on 3 August 2016 at Foxes Piece Allotment  
Present: Chair – Denise Bagge, Secretary – Peter England, Treasurer – Maren Talbot;  
Sylvia Miller, Scott Pickard, and Fred Tillier.

Treasurers Report: Total membership currently stands at 137 members, at this stage last year there were 142 members. The report shows a present deficit of £141.75, however the website cost has yet to be adjusted over the 3 year time span. The cheque received from Waitrose for £324.00, will be used for all tenants as a donation towards the water system. MAA will present this to MTC at the AGM.

Waiting List & Vacant Plots: FP x 2 and HH x 4, waiting lists are FP x 9 & HH x1. MAA continues to liaise with the council regarding neglected plots.

Planning: Planning officers have confirmed that there is currently no plan for allotment areas to be included. MAA will continue to monitor the situation. In the unlikely event of areas not currently on the plan being proposed then a further consultation would be required. Should any areas such as those infringing FP site be considered in future planning applications MAA will remain vigilant to ensure allotment areas will not be encroached or affected.

Allotment Judging: Judge had indicated a second inspection in August - PE will contact him to chase up on timing. The Mayor will be judging his new prize for the plot with the most Unique Feature at the end of August; MAA will recommend that he awards a prize for each site.

BBQ: As the summer BBQ was poorly attended MAA decided that this should continue in 2017 but then be reviewed against the cost of the insurance. The number of BBQ events in 2017 will be increased to try to encourage more interest and support from tenants – an informed decision can then be made at the end of 2017.

Website: There have been over 500 hits, of which 70% were new on the site over the last few months, the majority of these were for the section on the Triangle. There have been numerous complimentary reports about the new website.

Newsletter – items were suggested for the next issue including a report on the Local Plan; and the MAA policy on bonfires ie any decision to be based on evidence and facts, not on assumptions. MTC have confirmed that incinerators are banned along with bonfires.

Fencing - HH fence had been completed along the footpath leading from Chiltern Road.

The next meeting will be 7.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> November @ 3, The Chase.

