

**THE FINCHLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Finchley Tennis Club, London N3**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Susan Bowman, Helen Skelton, Chris Ouseley, Jacky Hurst, Janine Limberg. Twenty one attended.

**2. Annual General Meeting 2015 Minutes for Approval:**

2015 minutes approved.

**3. Chairman's Report:**

Claudine Fear (Chairman) presented the Chairman's Report for 2016. A copy is available on the website.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

The accounts for 2016 were presented by Liz Thomson (Treasurer)

Question from **Claudine Fear** regarding accounts: Why is there a column for seeds bought for the plant sale? **Liz Thomson:** This is for added information.

Approval of Accounts:

Proposed: Louis Zweig

Seconded: Therese Jones

Accounts approved.

**5. Election of General Committee for 2017**

Nominations for re-election:

June Brookes, Josephine Cuttell, Anthony Ingram, Liz Thomson, Christine Williams, Judy Woollett, Elain Wright.

Proposed by Philip Cuttell

Seconded by Elain Wright

Committee elected

**6. Election of Allotments Committee for 2017**

Nominations for re-election:

Philip Cuttell, Christopher Ouseley, Rosa Baden-Powell, Felicity Nock, John Hale

Proposed by Tony Ingram

Seconded by Maureen Gaythwaite

Committee elected

**7. Election of Chairman of General Committee:**

Nomination for re-election: Claudine Fear

Proposed by Maureen Gaythwaite

Seconded by Valerie Marsh

Chairman elected

## 8. Other Appointments:

Louis Zweig to remain Apiary manager for 2017

## 9. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts for 2017:

Many thanks to Jane Healy for kindly agreeing to be the Independent Examiner of accounts for 2016. She is to be asked if she will be willing to examine the accounts in 2017.

## 10. Any other Business:

**John Kirby:** Suggested that a quarterly meeting for all on site to get more people involved in volunteering.

**Claudine Fear:** There should be more communication between members.

**Young Mi Oh:** How can we show appreciation to the committee members for work done?

**John Kirby:** I have suggested wine for Christopher Ouseley's and Philip Cuttell's work on the new piggery kitchen.

**Claudine Fear:** Just a thank you is enough but we would be happy if more help were forthcoming.

**June Brookes:** I have sent out forms to request help gets few replies.

**John Kirby:** We should have social events where everyone can speak and be involved.

**Catherine Schmitt:** We do not get enough members to come to social events.

**Elain Wright:** Would John Kirby be prepared to organise meetings?

**Young Mi Oh:** The members at the lower part of the plot seem less friendly.

**Christine Williams:** Could it be that there is more conversation and socialising at the top of the site, particularly around the shop on a Sunday. Perhaps regular meetings would enable us to mix more and hopefully encourage more people to help.

It was agreed that the cabin should be used for these meetings.

**Therese Jones:** The door is difficult to open.

**Claudine Fear:** Has the lock has been put on the wrong way?

**Tony Ingram** agreed to organise dates for May, July and September and supply information about the meetings for the Newsletter.

**Philip Cuttell:** We now have a welcoming committee where new plot holders are encouraged to volunteer.

**Catherine Schmitt:** Plot holders can order goods from Suttons through the society using a code.

**Christine Williams** to send out details to members.

**Jack Sultoon:** Is there a plan to restore the main path as there is a great deal of rubble left by the contractors?

**Felicity Nock:** It should be cleared soon.

**Jack Sultoon:** The manure is left too long and the grass has been burnt.

**Claudine Fear:** We could use tarpaulins in future to protect it. The new handbook instructions ask plot holders to move manure within eight days.

**Therese Jones:** Could we have a lightweight wheelbarrow left at the raised bed site?

**Claudine Fear:** Yes, it will need to be marked to identify it. Philip Cuttell is conducting a trial of wheelbarrow wheels.

**Claudine Fear:** We plan to number them all to help us keep on top of numbers and repairs.

The meeting concluded with a raffle and refreshments.

Minutes taken by Christine Williams