

# THE FINCHLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## Minutes of the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at

Finchley Tennis Club, N3

7.30pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

1. Apologies for absence: Mark Hanslip, Eric Hess, Lucy Seifert.

2. Present: 32 members.

3. Points 2 to 5 sent by email to all members prior to the AGM, also available on the website: <http://www.finchleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk>

The reports were not read at the meeting.

4. Annual General Meeting for 2018 Minutes for approval: Minutes approved.

5. Chairman's Report: No questions. Report approved.

6. Annual Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018:

A very good year, with a profitable plant sale. We received a very large water bill at the end of the year for Gordon Road.

Tony Ingram asked if water expense will affect our profits. Chris Ouseley answered that we have sufficient funds to cover it. Claudine Fear pointed out that water is metered and we pay business rates. The water bill has doubled in recent years and we need to conserve and educate plot holders on efficient watering of crops. There was a suggestion that people could use the water in the metal butts next to each tap. Treasurers report approved.

7. Notification of Other Appointments:

A) President: Catherine Schmitt to remain as President.

B) Apiary Manager: Chris Ouseley confirmed as Manager.

C) Wildlife Plot Manager: Fiona Kennedy to become Manager.

D) Independent Examiner of Accounts: Jane Healy to continue as auditor.

8. Election of General Committee for 2019

Nominations for re-election:

June Brookes, Claudine Fear, Tony Ingram, Penny Igoe, Christine Williams, Judy Woollett, Elain Wright, Jo Cuttell, Chris Ouseley. Proposal agreed and carried.

9 Election of Allotment Committee for 2019

Nominations for re-election: Philip Cuttell, Rosa-Baden-Powell, Felicity Nock, John Hale, Claudine Fear, Mark Hanslip, Louis Zweig, June Brookes, Maureen Gaythwaite Proposal agreed and carried.

10. Election of Chairman:

Claudine Fear, presided over by Catherine Schmitt. Proposal agreed and carried.

11. AOB: Members questioned whether we would be able to source a new compost supplier. Jack Sultoon agreed to look into it.

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12. Inaugural FHS Garden Lecture by James Robbins: Crop Diversity and Why it Matters

13. Raffle and Social, with refreshments.