



	<p>weather, this was causing an eyesore. Andy to arrange for the dismantling and collection by contact made through Pocklington Allotment Association.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Chairman's Report</b></p> <p>We've had quite an eventful year, after three years of planning, this last year has been the year we've all been waiting for, to actually start gardening, and growing fruit and vegetables, despite the poor wet weather conditions, we have all experienced at the allotment site. We have achieved an awful lot, over the past twelve months, and thanks to everybody involved in the Association. There has been an awful lot of hard work behind the scenes, and I would especially like to thank Stephen Oxley for everything he has done, which has not necessarily been seen, but also everyone on the committee or who has helped us realise this project. From an original desire to simply grow vegetables, we have all learnt an awful lot along the way to get to this point now. I hope that everyone that has plots established is happy with them, and I hope that this recent drainage work makes a huge difference to the allotment site in the future. Well done to everybody, a challenging year, but a good start.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Stephen had prepared a financial statement and report with copies for committee members and allotment holders.</p> <p>In Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Atkin; Treasurer resigned during Q2 2012, Stephen Oxley, committee member was nominated and accepted the position and remained the treasurer for 2012/13.</li> <li>• Ended Year (2012-2013) with a surplus of £927.24. This position compares with a previous year surplus of £124.29.</li> <li>• Overall income and expenditure for the year was £12,893.53 and £12,090.58 respectively.</li> <li>• Whilst a surplus has been generated for 2012/13 caution on this sum is prudent given GPAA are about to enter a post lottery funding position.</li> <li>• The main source of income remains Local Food Lottery funding, however this will conclude during Financial Q1 2013.</li> </ul> <p>The main source of income will thereafter become plot rentals and it is uncertain how stable this will be for 2013/14 and if our landlords lease</p>	

	<p>requirements regarding local parishioners will impact on this income level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A level of reserves should be maintained to cope with any unforeseen costs or loss of income. The target level for 2013/14 is £500-750.00.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lottery</b> – Approximately £5,000 remains. £1,700 to complete haulage roads and car parking area, £500 for training and education, approximately £3,000 for equipment.</li> <li>• <b>Plot rents</b> – 7 Allotment rents collected at the meeting, to be paid into account.</li> </ul>	Stephen
6.	<p><b>Website and Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior to the meeting Andy had circulated analysis of website visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £25 made from Amazon referrals</li> <li>• Readership is increasing, (12%, 737 visits) stats up, generally good with more visits than last year, despite lack of updates on the website.</li> <li>• All meeting agendas and minutes from 2012 are now on the website.</li> <li>• More posts = more traffic.</li> <li>• There is more content so more pages are being viewed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Communication to be by email where possible or via website to save costs and paper</li> <li>• Noticeboard has been put up at the site, and is now in use.</li> <li>• Use Pocklington Press, Parish Council Magazine, and Parish Council Website to advertise GPAA.</li> </ul>	Andy
7.	<p><b>Site Management</b></p> <p><b>Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of water for last year was £25.</li> <li>• It should be encouraged to collect water from sheds and greenhouses wherever possible.</li> <li>• The same practice as last year will apply, filling a 1,000 litre container and paying GPAA £5 for the water.</li> </ul> <p><b>Car Parking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The car park area will be completed with additional plantings in the future.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was no longer reported as an issue.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Plot</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pocklington Allotments Committee member contacted Andy Hancock, they</li> </ul>	Andy

	<p>had a school contact them for a Community Plot, but they did not have any plots available. Andy Hancock to make contact and offer them the Community Plot.</p> <p><b>Polytunnel</b> (damaged by wind)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee agreed to dispose of polytunnel.</li> <li>• Andy Hancock to arrange dismantling and collection with Pocklington Allotment contact.</li> </ul> <p><b>Unused Plots</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions took place on how to deal with unused plots.</li> <li>• Cover with weed fabric to prevent growth of weeds.</li> </ul> <p><b>Keys</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keys for secure-shed. If more keys required, order some more.</li> </ul>	Andy
8.	<p><b>Plot Allocation and Payment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of Month (April 2013) Deadline to renew allotment.</li> <li>• 7 Allotment rents collected at the meeting, to be paid into account.</li> <li>• Full plot £40 p/a or £20 Half plot p/a, no rent increase for the current year, due to poor drainage conditions last year.</li> <li>• Six plots have become available, due to allotment holders giving up their plots.</li> <li>• Alex &amp; Stephen Nixon and Gavin Sutcliffe have moved to different plots. Plot 5 and Plot 6 respectively.</li> <li>• Anna Oxley has taken a new Plot 18</li> <li>• Plot 3, Plot 4 – to be confirmed.</li> <li>• Plot 7-9 FREE</li> <li>• Plot 10-11 and 12-13 taken out of cultivation.</li> <li>• 11 plots confirmed and taken.</li> </ul>	Andy
9.	<p><b>Election of Officers</b></p> <p><u>Chair</u> Andy Hancock. Proposed by Elaine Danby. Seconded by Stephen Oxley.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> Stephen Oxley. Proposed by Suzanne Allan. Seconded by Andy Hancock .</p> <p><u>Secretary</u> Elaine Danby. Proposed by Suzanne Allan. Seconded by Andy Hancock.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Training</b> – Pat Bradley to supply details of Trainer (David) from National Trust, on Fruit Trees supplies and training.</li> </ul>	

- **Fruit Trees** – Available from David - Middlethorpe Hall, National Trust.
- **Petrol Strimmer** – purchased by Association and stored in secure shed.
- **Bank Accounts-** Change of signatory's, Elaine to be added.
- **BBC Radio 4 Gardners's World Event @ FERA** – Suzanne to book all members in as visitors.
- **Suggestions Required** – What do we spend the remaining Lottery money on?

Suggestions already raised:-

1. Gates in the middle of rabbit proof fence (at top and bottom of site)
2. Window and Doors for Trading Shed.
3. Communal Orchard (trees for Plots 10-14)
4. Hazel Whips for planting. These can be coppiced every three years to create bean poles and sticks for planting. ((trees for Plots 10-14)
5. Beehives, Bees and equipment.
6. Chicken pen and run.
7. Petrol hedge trimmer.
8. Petrol rotavator.
9. Polytunnel purchase and professional installation.

## **Next Meeting**

**“Special Committee Suggestions” Meeting. 7:30 pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 Kilnwick Percy, Golf Club.**