**Chair:** Clare Ferguson
**Minutes:** Meryl Wilford
**Attending:** Chris Clifford, Pat Mansfield, Stewart Young, Tony Flett, Simon Bazley, Dan Thorpe, Louise Evans

**Apologies:** Helen Edwards, Mike Yeadon, Jane Millar, Jevon Lancaster, Nicola Jones, Jon Willis

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

Approved.

1. **Matters arising**
* Old Toro Mower, which was going to be serviced, has now been scrapped instead as metal fatigue too far gone.
* A new Toro has already been purchased from Mr Bark.
* Possible meeting to discuss keeping chickens could take place on 31st March.
1. **Treasurer’s report**
* Summary financial statement for the period to 13 March 2019 by email.

Comments as follows:

* Total net assets £9,797 at 13.03.19.
* Total cash at bank £10,525 before liabilities.
* OCC have invoiced for the rent, which has been paid up to the end of March 2019.
* The pipework has not yet been paid for yet but is going ahead shortly. The total cost exceeds the grant received from OCC so the excess will be paid for from reserves. The grant received last year was £1,200.
* The shop float was not recorded on the iPad last week - can you please confirm that there is £54.79 in the tin.

**ACTIONS**

CF -- Find out from NJ when the last stocktake was done, and when the next is due to happen.

1. **Shop report**
* Total sales, year to date £1424.
* Top sellers:

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| Manure | £242.50 |
| Compost | £200.50 |
| Mushroom Compost | £168.00 |
| Mypex 4m | £139.50 |
| Seed Potato | £122.30 |
| Mypex 3.3m | £116.00 |
| Garlic | £89.55 |
| Onions | £39.71 |
| Pelleted Chicken Manure | £37.80 |
| BroadBean Aquadulca | £16.76 |
| Butterfly Netting | £16.00 |
| Twine | £15.00 |
| Shallot | £9.34 |

* 250kg potatoes delivered. 122kg sold to date.
* CF to contact Jon about orders for the shop e.g Mushroom Compost and Seaweed Extract.
* Comments re new ipad in shop centred on the fact that people may do shop duty infrequently and therefore forget how to use it between times.
1. **Membership report**

JL apologies.

1. **OUWG**
* Hedge laying and coppicing weekend courses Feb 9th / 16th very successful.
* Clearance and maintenance of the area is now in evidence.
* Suggestion that we encourage members from EWAA to also join The Wildlife Group .
1. **Children’s Allotment**
* Alice and the group have been making good progress with preparations to bring the space back into use.
* Council had promised to provide fencing and it has done so but it is half the required height. More work needed on fencing.
* Question posed about whether EWAA should cede some land adjoining shop to the Children’s Allotment. Agreed not to do so especially as the space is earmarked for a lean-to out-door work space.
1. **Taps**
* Council are going to take on the water pipes project and complete at the beginning of April. To be carried out by Landscapes and Parks.
* Vote of thanks to Clare for sorting this out.
1. **Events**
* Fruit trees and bushes with Andy Howard: sale March 30th
* Early Summer Social Event

* Skill share – Proposal to have workshops for skill swapping between members:

Composting / green manures

pruning courses

wildlife gardening

raised beds

Pest protection

1. **Rules**

* Discussion about whether there is lack of clarity in the Rules and whether some of the old rules have been changed when the Rules were simplified and re-ordered.

**ACTIONS**

CC to check AGM and previous versions to check for inconsistencies, errata or changes.

1. **Date of next meeting**

9th May 2019