

**DITTON ALLOTMENTS TENANCY SOCIETY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
APRIL 6th 2017**

	Attendance: Mike and Carol Hawksworth, Liz and Keith Holloway, Norma and Mark Webb, Ann and Ted Brown, Terry and Midge Smith, Rose and Harry Hall, Ann and Dave Osbaldstone, Clive and Jane Thwaites, Chris and Kaye Lawson, Jackie and Dave Winder, Dave Andrews, Roy Jackson, Mike Todd, and Dave Pilcher.
<b>Agenda Item 1.</b>	<b>Apologies for absence, Welcome to new allotment holders</b> Mike welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Debbie Barton, Jan McCormack, Lesley Chinnery & Fred Masters.
<b>Agenda Item 2.</b>	<b>Minutes of the last AGM</b> Mike informed everyone that the minutes of all AGM meetings can be found alongside other information on the DATS website. The minutes were proposed by Ted seconded by Terry and carried.
<b>Agenda Item 3.</b>	<b>Chairman's report and correspondence</b> <u>General thanks:</u> to Liz and Keith for their help in ordering of onions and potatoes, Keith can also obtain most garden fertilisers and chemicals the web site holds a complete list, however anything bulky Keith would not be able to transport. <u>Summer BBQ</u> This did not take place due to the inclement weather on the dates specified. <u>Christmas Social at the Bowls Club</u> An enjoyable evening was had by all, although attendance was down on last year. Thanks go to Shirley (from the Bowls Club) for her help in arranging the evening. The money raised went to the two charities supported by DATS. <u>New Year Meal at the Duke of Wellington</u> at Ryarsh as usual, was well attended and a good meal was enjoyed by all at reasonable cost. <u>Rats</u> A pest controller was called in to deal with rats seen in the allotment, traps were set and rats dealt with humanly. All allotment holders were asked to clear their allotment of debris particularly around the parameters. The Council provided a larger skip than usual to aid this process. Rats have now gone. <u>Working party</u> Terry and Mark have been co-opted on to the committee which necessitates action on an Ad Hoc basis.
<b>Agenda Item 4.</b>	<b>Treasurers Report</b> Keith reported the start of the year funds amounted to £747.91 and now stands at a healthy £798.18 The Christmas Party auction raised £87 of which £35 went to the hire of the Bowls Club £21 for expenses and prizes and the remaining £31 went to our charities Air Ambulance and Hospice. Keith said the balance sheet was available to be examined if any members wished to see them.
<b>Agenda Item 5.</b>	<b>Election of Committee Members</b> Both Chairman and Treasurer are willing to stand again for another year. However Ann Osbaldstone due to personal reasons was not willing to remain as Secretary. Norma Webb had expressed an interest in becoming Secretary again. The committee was therefore voted on and proposed by Clive seconded by Roy carried unanimously

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<b>Agenda Item 6.</b>	<p><b>Social Events for the year</b></p> <p>It is proposed to hold our usual barbeque again this year probably around last week in June or early July. This is held on the allotment site and members bring their own meat to barbeque and drink. Also members are asked to bring something to share ie: a salad or dessert. Mike to notify the council as a matter of courtesy. This year an email will be sent nearer the time when good weather is forecast.</p> <p><u>Petanque</u> It is proposed to hold a match around the end of the summer.</p> <p><u>Christmas Social</u> The date is suggested for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Bowls Club next to the allotments.</p> <p><u>Post Christmas meal</u> This again will be held at The Duke of Wellington in Ryarsh on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018</p>
<b>Agenda Item 7.</b>	<p><u>Robin Webb Trophy</u> Having decided to continue with the challenge although it was into its eleventh year, Norma asked allotment holders to grow sunflowers and the winners would be judged on the largest sunflower head. Norma produced collages of photographs taken on various occasions and announced that Jan was the winner and Harry was second Trophies were duly presented. This year's challenge, again sun flowers with multiple heads. Monies raised went to Hayleys Heroes a Maidstone Oncology based charity £37.50 was raised, of which both Norma and DATS submitted £14 being the number of allotments taking part in the challenge.</p>
<b>Agenda Item 8.</b>	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Mike announced that he now has an application form for a lottery grant for the new building and toilets and was in the process of being completed. Quotations had been sent to the Parish Council. A maximum of £300 may have to be used from DATS funds. A waterproof notice board has been approved by the Parish Council for the allotment site and should be erected shortly.</p> <p>Mike told the members that Lesley Chinnery would be leaving the allotments shortly to live in Portugal. Lesley has left her allotment materials on her site and invited people to take whatever they liked.</p>
	Meeting concluded at approx 09.30 pm