

# Minutes for Charlbury Garden Society Committee Meeting

Monday 26 April 2021, 8pm on Zoom

<b>Present:</b>	Hugh Belshaw, Alison Derham, Di Gold, Catherine Goyder, Geneviève Hug, John Moore, Georgia Styring
<b>Apologies:</b>	Susan Dunstall, Angela Gwatkin, Harriet Lawson, Stephen Nelson, Catrin Weston
<b>Host:</b>	Alison Derham
<b>Minutes:</b>	Geneviève Hug

## 1. Minutes from last meeting on 8th March

Minutes were agreed, no matter arising.

**Action:** Gen to post minutes on website.

## 2. Reports

### 2.1 Treasury (Catrin's report by email)

Nothing significant to report. We haven't yet paid out for any of the projects we have agreed to sponsor.

### 2.2 Membership (Geneviève)

Nothing significant to report. We are still getting new members. Total membership income so far (new memberships + donations from existing 2020 members) is £831, quite close to our income membership for 2020.

Catherine relayed request from Madeline, one of the Corner Stone volunteers, for the CGS to donate a few plants for a display, which people could also take away. Would also be an opportunity to advertise for the Garden Society.

### Actions:

- Alison to make up laminated sign to leave with display, along with membership forms
- Hugh to provide vegetable seedlings etc.
- Nicer leftover plants from Plant Swop on 8th May to be given to Corner Stone

### 2.3 Gardening and growing (Susan's report by email)

Sports and Social Club: SSC would like hedging and a tree + fence. Agreed CGS will pay for plants up to £500. SSC to organise and pay for landscaper and fencing. Susan has offered to advise on choice of plants. Waiting to hear from them.

Corner House: Agreed CGS grant £500 to be matched by Corner House so £1K in total to spend on plants. Design complete, Susan waiting for nursery costs. Hugh happy to carry out Susan's design, and get a working party together. Most of the committee members offered to help, and appeal could be also made to non-members to assist Hugh with planting, good

opportunity for them to be involved. Hugh also happy to maintain on a weekly basis, again with support from others as and when needed.

#### **Actions:**

- **Di** to email Roy Scott with outcome of this meeting, asking Roy to give go ahead to Hugh if in agreement.
- **Catherine** to put idea of working party in her article for the Chronicle, giving Hugh's contact details.

Railway Garden (far side): CGS will grant £500 to enhance present planting. Sue to source plants. Volunteers will be needed to help with planting and maintenance.

#### **2.4 Junior gardening and growing (Alison)**

Pre-school not approached yet. Primary School gardening club not currently active. Alison offered our support once they decide what they might need help with.

#### **2.5 Events (Catherine)**

##### Talks for October 2021-March 2022:

- **Thursday 21st October (date tbc):** Short AGM + David Knight's talk on earthworms. Talk open to non-members, who would be welcome to AGM, but not allowed to vote.
- **Thursday 18th November:** Adam Prest for hands-on wreath-making workshop, including all materials and refreshments. 24 people max. Open initially to members only at £20, to be extended to non-members at £25 if spare capacity nearer the time. Offer concessions for low incomes. Adam's fee for tuition and all materials would be £220. Wreath-making workshops typically cost £45 to £75, and as participants would walk away with wreath, entry fee seemed adequate.
- **Thursday 9th December (suggestion, to be confirmed):** Members Christmas Social, with no talk, just mince pies, mulled wine etc.
- **Thursday 20th January (zoom):** John Tyler's talk on gardening for wildlife.
- **Thursday 17th February (zoom or in person):** Rob Jacob's talk on the herbaceous border at Waterperry through the year.
- **Thursday 17th March (in person only):** Craig Blackwell's talk on wild flowers of the Cotswolds. Will need IT support, laptop and projector. No fee.

##### Self-drive visits for Summer 2021:

Events restricted to members only initially, to be extended to non-members nearer the time if spare capacity.

- **Sunday 27th June (date tbc):** Visit to FarmED as follow-up to the 18th March talk. Timing considered 2pm to 4.30pm. 30 visitors max.
- **Wednesday 14th July:** Visit to Quenington Old Rectory. Time and numbers to be confirmed. Fee £10 per person.

## **Actions:**

- **Catherine** to confirm the Quenington visit's time and any limit on numbers.
- **Alison** to book hall and all required equipment for talks. Projector might need to be booked with Charlbury Society.
- **Gen** to post self-drive visits with provisional arrangements on both websites.

## **2.6 Publicity**

MailChimp newsletter now only on quarterly basis with spring, summer, autumn and winter issue (agreed at sub-committee meeting on 31st March).

## **3. Other matters**

### **3.1 Plant Sale on Saturday 8th May**

#### **Actions:**

- **Alison** to email Sue Smith to open MH gate & shed so that we can get tables out.
- **John** to bring his camping table and chairs + plant doctor badge
- **Alison** to bring collecting boxes on the day + nasturtium seeds & pots for children
- **Harriet** to bring her gazebo
- As many of us as possible to bring plants and come on the day!

### **3.2 AGM date and format**

21st October with talk, see above. Keep as short as possible. Send all reports beforehand so we don't have to discuss them in detail during the AGM. Start 7.30pm.

### **3.3 Next meeting**

Suggested date of Monday 5th July, mostly to discuss Annual Show arrangements.

## **4. Items for discussion at next meeting**

- Constitution review
- Peter Bridgman memorial
- Annual Flower and Produce Show  
Alison will talk to Geoff in advance of next committee meeting about categories, classes and booking judges to get the ball rolling.