

**FINCHLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
MINUTES OF THE 81st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT  
FINCHLEY LAWN TENNIS CLUB AT 7.30PM, TUESDAY 22nd MARCH 2022

**Present:** 21 Members. June Brookes, Elain Wright, Colin Wright, Jane Ouseley, Chris Ouseley, Joyce Cobb, Catherine Schmitt, Judy Woollett, Julie Datta, Felicity Nock, Tony Ingram, Louis Zweig, Laura Roussel, Sylvia Berente, John Hale, Sophie Dave, Janny El Moutawakil, Penny Igoe, Munira Grainger, Arlette Garcia Christine Williams.

**1. Welcome:** Chair, Jo Cuttell welcomed everyone to the 2022 AGM.

**2. Apologies for Absence:** Marcos Scriven, Eric Hess, Helen Skelton, Myra Farnworth, Philip Cuttell, Elena Cook, Savita Kalhan.

**3.** Points 4 to 6 will not be read at the meeting and are available to view on the FHS website and in the AGM booklet.

**4. 81st AGM for 2021 minutes** for approval: Catherine proposed, Judy seconded.

**5. Chair's Annual Report:** Accepted, Jo thanked the committee for great support throughout the year.

**6. Annual Accounts:** Approved, John proposed, Elain seconded.

**7. Notification of other appointments:** Jo thanked them all for their contribution over the year.

**A)** President: Catherine Schmitt

**B)** Apiary Manager: Chris Ouseley

**C)** Wildlife Plot Manager: Helen Skelton

**D)** Independent Examiner of Accounts: Jane Healy

**8. Election of General Committee for 2022:** Proposed John, seconded Jane.

Nomination for re-election: Elena Cook, Nada-Sylvia Csata, Jo Cuttell, Penny Igoe, Anthony Ingram, Christopher Ouseley, Marcos Scriven, Judy Woollett, Christine Williams, Elain Wright.

**9. Election of Allotments Committee for 2022.** Proposed Louis, Tony seconded.

Nominations for re-election: Rosa Baden-Powell, Nada-Sylvia Csata, Philip Cuttell, John Hale, Mark Hanslip, Eric Hess, Felicity Nock.

**10. Election of Chair:** Jo Cuttell, presided over by Catherine Schmitt. Proposed, Elain, seconded Judy.

**11. AOB:** Water -Judy asked if Eric will be showing Rosa how to turn the water taps on and off. Eric confirmed this and John Hale also knows how to do this.

Fire Pit – John Hale asked about this, which has been dismantled by Eric. We have had complaints about bonfires and there is green waste being burnt at the weekend. Many agree that we should stop bonfires. The committee have arranged for a green waste skip. Scrap timber may be a problem and we may have to have a general skip for this. As Barnet Council allow bonfires, we cannot force plot holders to stop. Louis Zweig pointed out that DEFRA ask beekeepers to burn infected hives. Felicity suggested that plot holders should be encouraged to compost their waste. Jo suggested fruit trees for the fire plot but Catherine thought they may be neglected. Felicity mentioned the Orchard Project, whose members will visit and advise. It was agreed this would be considered.

Glyphosate Complaint – Jo to remind plot holders that Glyphosate is banned on the site.

Rats – Sophie ask for our policy on this. Catherine suggested traps could be used inside sheds. This may be discussed again in future.

Food Bank – Catherine thanked Judy for organising the food bank collection this year.

Plot Competition - Felicity asked if there will be any this year? BAF has not confirmed it as yet.

Raised Beds – John Hale thinks that the experimental repairs have not been successful and that they may only last another five years, at most.

Wisley outing – Twenty spaces taken, so far.

Jo introduced speaker Pat Morgan for a talk on bees.

Minutes taken by Christine Williams.