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**Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, 13th February 2025, 7.00pm**

**Hesketh Bank Community Centre**

**Present: Jenni Smitton (Chair), Angela Bond (Secretary), Rob Yates (Treasurer), Carol Wellings, John Glover**

1. **Apologies:** Steve Kirby, June Jordan and Melanie Burns
2. **MINUTES of Previous Meeting and Matters arising.**

Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday, 5th December 2024 accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Carol Wellings Seconded: Rob Yates

No Matters arising

1. **Chair’s Report – Jenni Smitton** Welcome to our first meeting of the year. Sadly, we say farewell to several plots holders but will soon welcome some new plot holders. We do have a few on the waiting list, which is great. I was there this weekend and could hear activity around the site. Thanks to John Birchall for all his work pruning the orchard.

When the weather picks up a little, we will conclude works on our LEF bid which includes the apiary platform, replacing three of the community beds and erecting signage. We will also be replacing the fence around the oak tree with thanks to a donation from the Hunter family. Once all is complete, we need to do an official opening and thought doing this to coincide with the Scarecrow Competition would be nice. Invitations to the Parish Council and Elizabeth from LEF to be sent nearer to the time. It would be good to have a volunteer day before that to get plot holders involved inmaking the site look tidy to welcome visitors.

We also have a bid in to the National Garden Scheme and should hear at the end of March if we have been successful.

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Rob Yates**

Rents are in totalling £3125 with one outstanding. This includes the polytunnel and the raised beds. There is still some outstanding money from the bid. This includes wood for two raised beds, signs and wood for viewing platform. Also, £150 donation from Huntapac to replace fencing and improve the sign. John Glover has undertaken the latter. £500 has been set aside for mowing.

1. **Membership Secretary’s Report**

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1. **Plants – Rob Yates**

Rob has liaised with Duncan and the plants have been ordered based on last year’s list. The plants from Quantril have been very successful,

1. **Mobility Parking on site – for discussion**

There has been a request for Mobility parking spaces at the end of the main path near the Community Cabin. Two plot holders have mobility issues. In theory, this could be done but will need further investigation into the feasibility and discussion with the relevant plot holders.

1. **Future Events.**

AGM – 19th June

Scarecrow Competition – 28th June

Mikron – July 6th

Summer Show – 30th August

Quiz Night – 26th September

1. **AOB**

Need an update on the bees

Need an Open Meeting

Date of next Meeting - Thursday 13th March 2025 - Hesketh Bank Community Centre – 7pm.