



MINUTES 2017 AGM

1	Welcome – Steve welcomed all to this evenings meeting	
2	Apologies – were received from Barnes, John Cooper, Chris Dennison, Kevin Fieldhouse, Brian & Sheila Thirsk	
3	<p>Minutes 2016 AGM-were read out and the following issues were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Rats</i> – Colin explained that under the new regulations only 150gr poison can be purchased at a time. This is not a satisfactory amount for the size of Wilberfoss Allotments. Colin has agreed to take the examination to qualify using larger amount of rat poison. This will be at a cost of £50+VAT. This then allows WAA to buy 20 kg at a cost of £25 of a more powerful and effective poison. b) <i>New plot holders</i> are subject to a £25 deposit. This is returnable when they hand their plot back restored to its original state. c) <i>Uncultivated plots</i>-plots need a 75% cultivation in order for plot holders to keep up. d) <i>Change of Lease</i>-Colin explained the 5 year clause and the members agreed for this to be accepted. Proposed by Colin and seconded by Alan Dibb. 	Colin
4	<p>Annual Reports</p> <p><i>Chairman</i>a) 5 plot vacancies filled when new marketing strategy introduced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Welcome Pack introduced for plots holders, offer of mentoring and our own website, Twitter and Instagram accounts c) Fund raising by Paul Gibney enabled us to complete car parking, Tree Planting and Wild Flower Meadow d) Condition & maintenance of plots, security of gates, vehicle access, water and appropriate use of manure. e) Rats still pose problem eating crops and infesting the allotments. All plot holders to clear plots of rubbish and stagnant water. Failure to do so will result in a Notice of Improvement letter f) Thanks to the members who have worked hard to maintain the paths, hedge and allotments site <p><i>Treasurer</i> a) Presentation of audited Financial Statement, modest increase £37.50 pa for lease of land. Charge to members for their plots remains the same as last year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Thank you to those members who pay their fees promptly 	

5	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p><i>Chair</i> Steve Langstaff <i>Secretary</i> Christine Dennison <i>Treasurer</i> Geoff Gaunt <i>Committee</i> Members were invited to join the Committee if they so wished</p>	
6	<p>Update on New Lease-The owners of the field are happy to keep the rent at the current rate. They would like to introduce a 5 year break clause. Grant Burton is happy with the running of the allotments. The papers are with their solicitors awaiting agreement and signature of the Parish Council. Steve will contact PC to ask them to go ahead. All agreed to this.</p>	Steve
7	<p>Seed Orders-DT Browns offer a 50% discount when orders reach a certain amount. A further 15% is discounted on non-seed items. There are to be more 99p packets of seed along with free beetroot seeds. Completion of order forms and deadlines was explained by the Chair</p>	Steve
8	<p>10th Year Anniversary-Pocklington Post will be involved in our Tree Planting ceremony, Representative from PC and Grant Burton also present. Further ideas and suggestions were put to members to celebrate eg Gardeners Question time</p>	
9	<p>Any Other Business-Meg Stark asked members if they would like to get involved with the background work for the allotments and explained the duties involved. Julie Brabbs asked who cuts the central strip of grass on the road up to the allotments. Steve to speak to PC about this. Joe McDonough-asked about further supplies of manure, there is a small amount left. It may be the case that the farmer will start to charge for this service which has been free up until now. Neil turner asked what types of trees are going to be planted. George Brabbs explained 2 types of Rowan, Acer and Mallus. Further discussion was based around the types of trees and appropriate times of planting.</p>	Steve
10	<p>The meeting closed at 8.10pm</p>	

Steve Langstaff
Chairman