

SPA – Committee Meeting: In Attendance: Amy Woodward, Angela Farmer, Betty Houston, Geoff Farmer, Mick Worrall, Simon Wilson

Date of meeting. **Wednesday 15th March 2023**

- 1) Membership numbers: **99**

- 2) Details of vacant plots: **One, 1/8th Plot which has been offered but turned down by several potential new members. (12 new members have joined the Association since Sept '22)**

- 3) Number of people on waiting list: **28**

- 4) Treasurers report: Bank balance: **£4,234-44** Petty Cash **£170-51**

- 5) General site maintenance (hedges / mowing / water supply): **The roadside hedge has recently been cut but we await an invoice from the contractor.**

- 6) Individual plots causing concern (going to seed): **Periodic plot inspections will recommence soon after Easter.**

- 7) AOB: Car Park Extension: **This area was cleared and levelled during the autumn Work Party. Materials for the construction are being funded via a grant application to the Town Council. The next stage will be the delivery of crushed concrete, which will be levelled during the Spring Work Party. A finishing layer of 'MOT' stone will subsequently be delivered and spread.**

During the grant application procedure we were notified by our Town Council that Stratford District Council (SDC) are holding additional funding (£2,401-40) which might be made available to Southam Produce Association. An immediate priority for the Association is the securing of the two roadside gateways. Durable 'push-button' lock mechanisms (with a key override) have been identified as suitable replacement locks. The

committee agreed that if additional funding is available taller, more secure, palisade-style gates could be purchased (on which the proposed new locks would be mounted) and installed in the two entrances. Short sections of similar styled fencing may also be required to flank the gates.

Due to the delays associated with the application for this additional funding for the gates, there will be a period of time where the main gates will not be secured.

ACTION: Amy and Mick are to seek prices for palisade gates.

Once again a Spring Work Party is being arranged for Saturday 29th April (10am to 1pm). Amy will email all members to ensure that everyone is aware of the event,

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 26th April at 7:30pm