HARTEST & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on November 5th 2018 at 7.35 pm in the Institute Hall, Hartest.

The Chair, Roger Quince, welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending.

The sheet later showed that there were 24 members present and 8 apologies.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting for November 6th 2017 were distributed, and were agreed as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

None that were not on the Agenda.

**Treasurers Report**

Copies of the Annual Accounts were circulated and are attached. A more detailed version is available, with the Treasurer.

The Treasurer said that the balance in the bank and in cash shows a decrease over the year, but that at £1049.76 the committee feels it is about the correct level. Raffles continue to underpin a lot of the clubs performance, but the plant sale is still the largest generator of funding over a short period of time. The Christmas dinner subsidy decreased significantly due to an increased charge to attendees, of which there were fewer.

£255 had been donated to charities as a result of the Hartest Garden visits in July.

Results over the year were approximately in line with what the committee had hoped to achieve.

**Report on Speakers**

Jill Armstrong said that attendance at meetings had averaged about 30, which was good, but it would be nice to get more. The Programme for 2019 had been distributed, highlights will be the visit of Val Bourne and in May, a talk on the “History of Gnomes”. Members will be asked to bring their own along to the meeting, a competition will be held!

**Report from the Chair**

The Chairman first said that thanks were due to the members of the Committee for their work over the year.

There had been some fantastic speakers, the plant sale had been a great financial success, and the Annual Show had been very good considering the weather. Vegetable entries had been down, but fruit and flowers had been excellent. One of the judges, Peter Fisk, had said that many shows were in decline, but not ours, and we must keep it up.

The aim of the club must be to maintain a balance financially, and to educate and amuse, and he felt that this had been achieved.

**Committee Appointments**

The current committee were happy to continue. J. Kemp proposed that they remain in position, seconded by J. Pask.

**December meeting**

Options for the meal were given, a vote decided to go for chicken with wild mushrooms and tarragon, with a vegetarian option. The “Gardening Brain of Hartest” quiz will be held.

**Any Other Business**

Members were reminded that seed catalogues were available, they could order either online or through the Secretary, and would get a 50% discount.

Books and magazines were available to borrow or take.

J. Pask thanked the Committee for their hard work. It is a very enjoyable club and their work is appreciated.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm and was followed by a talk on “Willow in the Landscape” and a demonstration of willow weaving.