



# Nantwich Walled Garden Society

Chairman: Peter Harrington 12 Fairfax Drive Nantwich Cheshire CW5 5UL

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## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Nantwich Walled Garden Society held in Nantwich Museum on Monday 18 January 2016**

Present: Pauline Beeby, Frank Blunstone, Linda Briggs, Faith Cartlidge, Helen Cooke, Diana Hall, Peter Harrington, Edward Leetham, Alan and Vanda McGuffog and James Sinstadt.

1. The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Alan Brown, John Cartlidge, Graham and Mary Dodd, Elaine Hunt, Kate Millington, Pauline Taylor, David Wertheim and Eva Wisemark.
3. It was proposed by Helen Cooke, seconded by James Sinstadt and agreed by the committee that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as a correct record.
4. All matters arising were covered by the agenda.
5. Chairman's annual report – attached.
6. Treasurer's Report – Peter Harrington reported that there was £1240.96 in the NWGS account. He suggested that another signatory should be added, now that Faith Cartlidge was no longer Treasurer, and Linda Briggs offered to do this.

### 7. Election of officers:

Role	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Peter Harrington	Helen Cooke	Faith Cartlidge
Secretary	Linda Briggs	Diana Hall	Pauline Beeby
Treasurer	Peter Harrington	Linda Briggs	James Sinstadt
Membership	Diana Hall	Edward Leetham	James Sinstadt
Website/Social Media	Helen Cooke	Peter Harrington	Linda Briggs
Archivist	Helen Cooke	Peter Harrington	Edward Leetham

Press Officer/Publicity – committee to respond as needed.

Museum Display Linda Briggs/Helen Cooke to view display and report back to committee.

Peter Harrington thanked all the officers for their hard work and commitment. It was suggested that succession planning should be added to future agendas.

8. Charitable Status – Peter Harrington to contact the CVS within the next month.

**UPDATE: Peter and Helen to meet CVS for preliminary discussions on Tuesday 23 February.**



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9. Website – Frank and Helen Cooke were thanked for all their hard work in designing and setting up the new NWGS website. The feedback received about the new site had been very positive.

10. Membership – Diana Hall was thanked for reviewing and updating the membership list. She suggested a new design of membership card for future use.

11. Publicity and fundraising – Helen Cooke reported that the NWGS now has 274 followers on Twitter and 92 on Facebook. Recent letters and articles in the local press and online media had raised the profile of the NWGS. Helen had also arranged for Dr Clare Hickman, a Lecturer in History from Chester University with an interest in the connection between landscape design and medical practice, to visit the garden and advise us on maximising its historical interest. Diana Hall suggested holding another fundraising event at the Nantwich Bookshop, possibly a barbecue in the summer. Helen Cooke due to give a talk on the Walled Garden at the Dorothy Clive Garden in mid 2016.

12. Forward Action Plan – to continue to monitor closely the activities of the garden site owners and their current planning application (target date for decision is 4 February) and especially to alert the council to the many errors in that application. **UPDATE: revised target date is 16 February.**

13. Any other business – Diana reported that NWGS member Daniel Ackerley would be willing to give us a talk on the heritage varieties orchard he has planted. She would contact him to see if he could speak after the next NWGS meeting.

14. Date of next meeting – Monday 29 February at 7.30pm in the Joe Heler Room at Nantwich Museum.

Linda M Briggs

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