



<p>Consideration to use or just store the trophies will have a bearing on the policy details required.</p> <p><b>Apiary Working Group</b>          Bees flying at the time of visit to Shugborough; all hives fed with fondant, top bar hive hadn't taken fondant.          The verroa drop was quite heavy. Date agreed for winter treatments 26<sup>th</sup> January. This session to be available to members as a teaching aid. Goggles and masks must be worn.</p>	Alan
<p><b>National Trust</b>          To be notified that we don't need anything moving following their work in the area. The apiary is now accessible; Caroline to be notified the date of 26<sup>th</sup> January to confirm access.</p> <p><b>Hilton Green</b>          Hilton Green bees have been fed there is fondant in the shed. Bees to be treated and perhaps trickling the nucs which are there.</p>	Alan
<p><b>Quartermaster</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craig needs to stock take both Shugborough and Hilton, help was offered but it's easier to do it when he can.</li> <li>• Having done the stock he will have a better idea of items needed for the season to purchase items at Tradex or Spring Convention. Extractor prices still being monitored.</li> <li>• Alan requested 48 frames for the Honey Show.</li> <li>• Also having a new system for extracting will necessitate more supers and frames than in previous years.</li> </ul>	Craig
<p><b>Extracting Honey 2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hilton was discussed as a venue for extraction but with no power and water is a problem Shareshill was thought a better option. Charles extracted weekly last season the dates for this were available.</li> <li>• Craig is storing 2018 honey which needs jarring, we also need to purchase new buckets and bags to store the 2019 honey.</li> <li>• Is Peter Bell going to oversee an extraction session as a teaching exercise?</li> <li>• Lynne to check available dates at Shareshill for extraction during June, July &amp; August.</li> </ul>	Trevor Lynne
<p><b>Treasurer's report</b>          Claire presented the detailed accounts for Year ending December 2018 showing a surplus of £4,261 Claire was thanked for a job well done!</p>	Lynne
<p><b>Calendar for 2019</b>          Alan will be attending a Pig racing event and will make a booking with the organiser for a future event at Shareshill.          Winter lectures for October &amp; November 2019 suggestions to be brought to the next meeting.</p>	Alan All
<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Items received by email forwarded to committee.</li> <li>• Asian Hornet registering &amp; team set up, Information on our website. Clive is our contact and is in touch with BBKA</li> <li>• Beecraft webinars forwarded as received for members to access.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NBU annual report received with bee inspectors details. As Ben Bowen our area inspector is new it was suggested to invite him to our AGM to say a few words or to ask Colin Pavey</li> </ul>	Lynne
<p><b>Newsletter</b> Alan is producing the next Newsletter and was complimented for his last edition. He expressed his thanks to Kate for her input.</p>	Alan
<p><b>Website</b> Paul suggested a rethink on the website.</p>	Paul
<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul to check if Shugborough and Hilton Green are registered on BeeBase.</li> <li>Stafford Castle is an event we usually attend. With different organisers this year a payment is needed. David &amp; Margaret Rawsthorne have agreed to attend. They will be asked to sell association honey to cover some of the cost. Up to £30 has been agreed.</li> <li>We need new posters to fit the new display boards.</li> <li>William Leeper a former member sent us some calendars of events for Sedgeley Gardening club. We note the date of their show 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019 which we usually attend</li> <li>Charles suggested a firmer approach to tackling the Nation Trust rather than be passive and accepting our situation short term. Trevor proposed that Charles put together a proposal to be presented to the right person higher up than Steve Armstrong and Sam Caraway in the organisation</li> </ul>	<p>Paul</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>?</p> <p>Charles</p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> <b>Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 7.30 pm at Craig's</b></p>	?