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Here they are. Simon is on the case with contacting wildlife groups - no need for Martin to duplicate this so it's not in the minutes.
Penny

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY
MINUTES February 8 2022, 7.30pm, The Forester upstairs room

1. Apologies for absence: JW.
2. January meeting's minutes approved.
3. The site is fully rented other than GC plots, which are being rented before the growing season. 345 on the waiting list.
4. Maintenance tasks ahead of Maintenance Morning: **CH to research and order 6x4 shed for GC227 and sentry-style shed for GC 147. DS to check wheelbarrows and order new tyres as required; attach Mattock Lane padlock; order battery hedge trimmer; order skip for March 31.** SC to repair Metal shed roof and 150 and 197 water butts.
5. Maintenance morning: privet/hedging; improve GC147 (remove apple tree, compost heap); paint GC234 shed; service wheelbarrows; plot marking 191, 156A, 168A.
6. Fence panels and post ordered to repair damaged perimeter fence on Mattock Lane.
7. Ealing Council Local Plan: response submitted by EDAS, ploholders asked to respond and contact councillors, EAP involved. CH has met with Rupa Huq, MP, who is supportive.
8. How best to protect the site - continue community involvement, donate produce to Food Bank, seed/plant swap/sales on Maintenance Mornings could be open to community (ploholders to be asked to grow surplus plants.) **CH to explore tai chi/yoga possibilities and check out Young Ealing Foundation.** NB Need to remember that 1925 Allotment Act prohibits commercial activity on allotments sites.
9. Promote endangered species. **DS to order bat boxes.** MN list of endangered plants to be run past SC. SC has contacted hedgehog relocation charity and is liaising with wildlife groups to maximise the site's wildlife-friendly status. Add more stumperies.
10. RA to do Social Media, promoting positive aspects of allotments life (eg wildlife conservation, moth study) to external community.
11. Analysis and feedback. EAP is providing template for questions to ask ploholders (eg increasing numbers have no outside space at home). We already have positive feedback from external community.
12. Decision taken to leave the communal plot as it is; it fulfils our needs.
13. **Website to go live ASAP (JW). To include CB report on site SAR and AI designation.**
14. SC has done excellent banner promoting site. **PW to fine tune words.** Two to be ordered for perimeter fence.
15. London in Bloom entered. Entry registration reference: 2888.
16. Tenancy and Cultivation guidelines - Pathways still to approve revisions.
17. AGM timetable. All expenses to JW by mid-March.
18. Mailchimp contents - maintenance morning, April inspection, request to grow surplus plants and report wildlife sightings.
19. Date of next meeting: **March 8, The Forester upstairs room.**

