

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 9TH JUNE 19.30

PRESENT: Mark Tompsett, Crispin Harris, Simon Coleman, Jon Wilkins. Christina Fox, Kim Tompsett and Christine Charles

SECTION A

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted.

Matters arising. Tenants of Plot 223

We had left the last meeting with a need to find evidence to present to Pathways. However, matters came to a head very quickly after the meeting.

- Incidences of theft from other plot holders. They admitted to taking the cold frame and various tools
- The Fire brigade came because they set light to a shed in situ.
- They had had to be spoken to about difficult behaviours but they were still making their neighbours feel uneasy.
- Christina contacted Pathways and they agreed to terminate the tenancy immediately.

Action Points. Simon has posted photographs of the tools found on the plot and is going to meet Karen Jenkins who thinks some of them may be hers.

Christina is going to check the tenancy has been permanently terminated.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Christina did not present a formal report as the content was being discussed later in the meeting under separate discussion points.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Kim has been successful in opening the Treasurer's Account.

- Lloyd's customer services have given us compensation for all the inconvenience amounting to £250.
- Kim has applied for Internet banking.
- Kim has set up a form to claim re-imbusement of expenses on the website.
- Monies have been paid in from Capital Clean- Up, Ealing Council and Donations for the Radbourne Walk project.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

- Christine is working on the final spreadsheet of who has paid. The Pathways' List does not completely match up with Christina's list. It is still not clear about the final tally of non-payment but it is a maximum of 14 people.
- There have been two complaints through the web-site about the noise of strimming and bonfires.

ACTION POINTS

- Christine and Christina are going to Pathways together to sort out the list
- Information about fires, strimmers etc to go on the web site and Allotment Noticeboards."How to be a good neighbour"
- A Newsletter (2 sides of A4). Christina to co-ordinate.

MAINTENANCE REPORT AND UP-DATE

- The first phase of work is nearly completed.
- Palettes on 243 are "in hand"
- Simon is passing over the co-ordination of the grass team to Christine. He will give her the e-mails.

SECTION B

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

EQUIPMENT.

1. Lawn-mower. We discussed the size that would be the most flexible to deal with the inconsistency of the plot. A smaller width of blade is more useful. Jon is going to investigate the cost of the annual service from Honda/ a lawn-mower specialist Because it is for the plots and not Radbourne walk it will be Pathways money.
2. Insurance for it will require group membership of RHS. Mark is checking out all about the insurance.
3. Strimmer with Brush Cutter capability is Radbourne money. Simon has researched a suitable one.
4. Because of the less frequent use we decided against a chainsaw at the moment. Pathways are responsible for major tree work on the plots.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE PLOTS

Jon has a Giff Gaff sim that is going into a spare phone that Christina has.

Jon and Christina will liase

The new phone number to be published on the web-site, notice -boards and at Pathways.

COMMUNAL PLOT.

First part of the communal area to be split between plot 243X where the sheds will be and hopefully part of David and Elizabeth's plot at 192.

1. Simon and Christina to liase with David and Elizabeth.
2. A path to be created along the boundaries of 243.
3. Compost bins against the exterior boundary of 243
4. Possibility of a new shed.

COMMUNITY PAYBACK

The team is very good at clearing and removing things. E.g brambles and skips. They are not really suitable for projects that need finesse.

1. Thursday is proving difficult for attendance so the date is moving to Sundays
2. Christina is going to set up a rota sign -up for either Morning or afternoon.

AOB

1. Children running across other people's allotments. Christine is going to keep a record of it
2. The water tank has ben disturbed over the "well" on plot 220