

EDAS committee meeting  
Tuesday 5th December minutes 19:30  
Drayton Court Hotel

Present - Christina Fox, Martin Newhouse, Clare Harrington, Craig Evans and Andrew Caisley.

1. Apologise for absence - Jon Wilkins
2. Approval of Oct and Nov meetings
3. 227 A is now allocated and 227 B is vacant along with 209 (sweet chestnut plot). 12 Gardening club plots have been converted which should create less admin. CM discussed the chestnut tree and what to do with the plot. Discussions were had around the men with sheds, groups with special needs etc. The practicalities of running it were to be decided at another time.  
**ACTION** CF to talk to the treasurer about paying the rent for 209.
4. CF discussed the meeting of the conservation area. The meeting was very well attended. The suggestion is that Northfields becomes a conservation area which would include the allotments. It is different to a listing in that residents don't have to apply for everything. The aim is to keep the feeling of the area. CF mentioned at the conservation area meeting that not all those affected were consulted. CH felt that the feeling in the room was quite negative. CF proposed that there is a letter sent from the allotment committee stating that we are in favour of the conservation area as it could offer further protection. It was discussed that there was a letter drafted by the last committee that could be redrafted. The CM felt that a letter should be sent to all plot holders with a template that could be sent to the council if they agree with the proposals, assuming not that everyone will be for it.  
**ACTION** CH to find the letter, CF to send out a mailchimp.
5. It was agreed that we would adapt the Haslemere structure rules  
**ACTION** CH to upload a doc to the google drive using the Haslemere structure rules for all the committee to comment upon before the next meeting
6. The committee discussed the problem of difficult padlocks.  
**ACTION** CF to ask Dominic who we need to contact for 2 new padlocks and 6 skeleton keys.
7. MM - was a small but productive turnout . Plot at the back of the chesnut tree cleared of brambles. A list of hedgerow plants was suggested and discussed by the chair. The idea of team leader was discussed for tasks..

**ACTION** Items to be added to the MM schedule:

An audit of the hedgerow to be undertaken in the spring.  
Measure the hedgerow planting area on 209 and by the driveway  
Empty the pond on 207.  
Level slabs for the bbqs.  
Erect double gazebo  
Dig over Mo's plot

8. GC agreement to be left for next meeting.  
**ACTION CE to draft new clauses of GC agreement.**

“There remain circumstances where the committee may need to move a Gardening club member. The committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to give notice to the Gardening club member to vacate their plot and move to another suitable location. The committee will give no less than 28 days notice of such an intention and may, if requested reimburse the member for any plants, compost etc that the member has incurred up to the value of their annual membership.

The committee will do all that it can to offer reasonable help to move the Gardening club member to a new plot and it is expected that the Gardening club member should assist willingly and expeditiously in this matter.”

9. **ACTION CH to send MM email reminder.**

10. AOB -  
**ACTION AC to circulate draft chunky list .**

The sycamore by the fruit garden is casting shade and reducing fruit yield.  
**ACTION MN to discuss with his tree surgeon a quote for the sycamore.** CH felt it was appropriate to get a comparator quote.

11. The date of the next meeting 9th January (Please note this is the second Tuesday as the first Tuesday is 2nd Jan and a bit close to new years day.)