

EDAS committee meeting
Tuesday 9th January 2024 - 19.30
Drayton Court Hotel

Present: Christina Fox, Jon Wilkins, Martin Newhouse, Andrew Caisley and Clare Harrington.

Apologies for absence. Craig Evans.

December meeting's minutes were approved.

- **Action CE** to share updated garden club tenancy agreement (rolled over from last month).
- **Action MN** to get 2 x tree surgeon quotes for the sycamore tree by the fruit cage.
- **Action JW** upload prior committee meeting minutes to the website.

Site rentals status. 227A now rented. 3 x ½ plots free. Multiple GC plots free, the next 8 people on the wait list have been invited for GC plot viewings this month.

- **Action CE** to provide a waitlist update at next month's meeting.

Proposal to change shed/greenhouse rules. The rationale for the proposal is to reduce unused growing space. The new proposal is a minimum gap of 30CM from the path boundaries on the plot. This would not apply to the boundary between A and B plots.

- **Action JW** to share wording to reflect this prior to the next committee meeting.

Plot 209 aka Sweet Chestnut plot. 209A - will be rented out. 209B - will be rented by the committee, it has very limited growing space and will be used as a maintenance plot including MM compost bins and a new shed to store the gazebos.

- **Action CH & CF** to finalise plot layout.
- **Action CF** share shed options.
- **Action JW** pay for 209B.

Confirmed dates;

Summer open day Sunday 7th July

Halloween event Saturday 26th October

AGM Saturday 2nd Nov, moving this to a quiet time of the year in terms of events and gardening.

Conservation area, the consultation ends on 31st Jan. The committee will send a group response, there will also be an email to ploholders.

Action CF update drafts and send committee response and email to ploholders this week.

Plan for spring inspections, likely to be late April/early May - depending on weather.

Action JW JW to update website to reflect April/May timeline.

Communal shed discussion. The GC shed on 240 needs to be demolished. This means we need a new GC shed + somewhere to store the gazebos. We will move the shed from the former GC plot 227 to 240. The new shed on 209B will be the storage for gazebos. We also need to keep an eye on the catering shed as there is mould and possibly a leak.

Action AC catering shed, move boxes, clean mould, organise shed.

Action CH donate unused catering materials.

February MM tasks. Bonfire (weather dependant).

Action JW JW to arrange skip for March.

Action CF order hedging.

Woodchip, possible new supplier shared with the committee on email.

Action MN follow up with supplier and provide key.

Padlocks - mattock lane padlock continues to be a problem.

Action CF order another set of padlocks + lots of keys.

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday 13th Feb, 7.30PM @ the Drayton.

Confirm date for strategic discussion, separate from regular committee meeting.

Action CH coordinate date with CE, share prep work.