

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 19.30

PRESENT: Crispin Harris, Simon Coleman, Jon Wilkins. Christina Fox and Christine Charles, Mardien Drew, Hilary Wright.

Apologies from Kim Thompsett

SECTION A

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted and the points arising are noted in the various reports apart from:

- *Jon is going to the "Lock" shop to see if we can synchronise the replaced lock.(ongoing)*
- *A Budget for rubbish collection is being created*
- *Pathways are now accepting payment by BACS.*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Attended EAP (Ealing Allotment Partnership) meeting – they want to foster more co-operation between sites. They are also considering more self management and perhaps a federation to co-ordinate all their sites.
2. Sent thirteen letters to people on the waiting list – either their phone + email didn't work or was non existant. One called to say he wanted to stay on list and one texted to come off. Which leaves 11 who haven't gotten back to me.
3. Out of the four "use it or loose it" letters (with follow up calls)...
  - Plot 223B called to say he would be working on it and has not given up. Simon and I had a look yesterday at it still looks like WW2 trench reconstruction
  - Plot 168A – spoke to him on 28<sup>th</sup> March - assures me he will be working on the plot in the next two weeks. He hasn't touched it so far.
  - Plot 226A – agreed to give up the plot.
  - Plot 234B - agreed to give up the plot. He is acting as a carer for his aunt with dementia and so has no time. I said I would put him back on the waiting list and he'll contact me when he is ready to try again.

4. Rented out:	Plots available
Plot 226A Plot 234B Plot 243B (old maintenance plot)	152B (Anne Fabings old plot)

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5. Phoned, texted, voice-mailed posted and emailed!!! Matt – plot 204 Simon and I spoke to Matt at the weekend

6. Flanagans - Letter to Peter Thomas about plot 241. Concrete has all gone. Fence has been reinstated. Rhubarb replaced. Metal shed taken down.

7. Peter Thomas agreed to let us have plot 170B rent free as our maintenance plot.

8. Researched into Commercial waste removal – agenda item

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Bank Account has approx. £1430 in it with £500 to be paid in.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

(ongoing) Christine is continuing to check any Communications coming in to Pathways. Because of the system in Pathways it takes a little while to get confirmation to Christine on payments etc.

However, she has been making phone calls to check plot holders intentions re whether they are keeping their present plots.

- 4 whole 9 half plot holders
- According to "Allotment Law" people have 40 days to pay after the deadline.

Christine met with the Party Wall Surveyor

- Everything is agreed.
- He is going to prepare a scaffolding licence

#### MAINTENANCE REPORT AND UP-DATES

- Volunteer day was very successful. A large amount of the lower Long Path was repaired/turfed/seeded etc.
- Tidying the area by David Reed's plot. Side branches have been removed and a fence installed
- Simon has decided which Volunteer days will be "Allotment" and which "Radbourne Walk" These will be on the calendar.
- Skip has been ordered.
- The missing lock has been found and re-instated.

#### JON'S REPORT

Jon has done a lot of work on the web-site and has posted all the changes and explanations there.

#### RUBBISH

- After much deliberation we are having a skip straight away to clear the rubbish from the volunteer day.
- Christina has done a lot of research including the service provided by Ealing Council
- We are going to try a "wheelie bin" system on a three month contract to see how it goes. It is the only one that gives the possibility of collection in the summer but not in the winter.

#### FRUIT TREES

- There is no one system but Christina provided information about many alternatives.(*see attached sheets*)
- We are going to go with 25% OF PLOT SIZE. (Approx 12 dwarf root stock trees on a full size plot)

#### MAINTENANCE PLOT

- 170 b as a Maintenance plot. There will be some re-numbering
- Rent free whilst in use as 243 has been divided into three sections.

#### BEST PRACTICE DOCUMENT

Hilary has done some notes on content and asked for clarification on several points. She is now going to write the document up into Clear English.

#### PUMP PROJECT

2 PUMPS ARE NOW COMPLETED. Simon has also adapted the mechanism on one to make it stronger.

#### NOTICE BOARD SIGNS ARE UNDERWAY

- One a general newsletter;the other for special events
- Jon is going to show Mardien a way of creating a template(?) to make adaptation easier.

#### AOB

#### FACEBOOK

Lots more people invited to the group. We are looking at a "Page"

#### THE ALLOTMENT AS A PHOTO/FILM LOCATION

Christina is going to check with Pathways about the possibility of the Allotment as a location.

## SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

- For the children. The tallest, the prettiest, the happiest sunflower.
- EDAS to provide the seeds to make it fair
- To be judged at the Open Day.

## DONATED METAL SHED

- Various suggestions as to the use of the large metal shed as
- Shelter
- Workspace
- Storage
- To be continued

## WORKING PARTY FOR THE OPEN DAY

- Needs a separate group to develop as the Committee is busy with the day to day running
- It will need to meet more frequently than once a month
- Great to involve more people.

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May..