

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. TUESDAY 10TH NOV 19.30

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

APOLOGIES: Mardien Drew

SECTION A

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- The minutes were accepted.
From Last Minutes as a reminder
- *Possible date for next year's Open Day. Jon has done some excellent research combining local events with other significant dates. We are looking at Saturday 25th June as nothing is clashing. "It should be early late enough for produce to be coming to fruition and early enough for it not to be "nicked""*
- *Annual General Meeting. Materials/Information to go to ploholders about a month before. Because Easter is very early next year we are looking at a Sunday (subject to availability) in mid April.*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

November 2015

Plots rented out: 168A	Plots available: 158B 244A 170A available next month or two 241 we will use this plot to chip the wood from the pollarded willows.
Waiting list >> 75 people	

Followed up on some free manure – hopefully to be delivered!

Plot 168A and 244A tenancy terminated due to their ill health. But, put back on waiting list until they are well enough to maintain their plot.

Went to Wisley apple day to get some of our apples identified.

Attended the Walpole Ward forum meeting. They organised a brainstorming session for ideas on how to spend ward funds. I suggested money for composting toilet on the allotments.

The councilors at the Walpole Ward forum meeting also asked for any 'good news' and I reported back about the open day. About 80% of the people at the meeting said they had come to the open day and they all nodded in agreement that it was a great success. I confirmed that we will be running another one next year.

On 6th November Christine and I attended a meeting with Sonia (Haslemere) and Alison Jones (Pathways) – this is our (delayed) quarterly meeting with the landlord. The last meeting was on 12th May 2015.

- 1) Alison suggested we write to our "charity" ploholders and ask them for their plans and objectives for the coming year. We have 4 charity/groups on site
 - a. 178A - Age UK
 - b. 178B - Chris Waite on behalf of RISE
 - c. 194 – Westside Youth Centre
 - d. 229A - Petals of Life
- 2) We gave Alison our suggested bonfire times and she asked if we wanted to make any further changes to the tenancy agreement. We agreed to come up with suggestions and liaise with Haslemere about any changes they wanted to make.
- 3) Alison confirmed Pathways was happy for us to have photo shoots on the allotments to raise money.

We now have permission from Pathways to go ahead with the willow trees. I checked with the council that there are no TPOs (tree preservation orders) which might have restricted what we could do. Luckily there are no TPOs. I emailed all ploholders close to the willows to ask them to remove any items near the trees so that the tree surgeons have space to do what they need to do safely. I also

wrote a letter to Ivy (plot 219 and 221) as she has been particularly concerned about the trees overhanging her plot. The tree surgeon will be pollarding the trees on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November 2015. I shall be there for both days to keep an eye on things.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Bank Account has £4,090.27p in it.

There are a few expenses to be re-imbursed and a payment for the next skip to be covered. (21st November)

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Christine is continuing to liase with Pathways and trying to contact people from whom we have not heard.

MAINTENANCE REPORT AND UP-DATES

- November- could only do so much as it was raining but continuing with the grass being "aerated" and sand/seed put down
- Radbourne clear up in December, none in January and Radbourne in February
- Regular clearing of litter for Radbourne at £10 a session.

JON'S REPORT

Ongoing from last months minutes

Web-site "all is fine" and Jon is hopeful that in the Winter months there will be more additions and amendments.

Facebook is very successful and people are posting pictures etc.

Open Day needs a presence on the web-site.

- Christina has added Non-Cultivation text
- Trying various ways of dealing with spam
- Experimenting with "Mailchimp"

SECTION B

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- Changes to the Tenancy Agreement. Simon has done some amendments and will send them to people.
- We are going to let the Crowd Sourcing go. It was not what we signed up for and we do not have the time.
- Looking for Volunteers to continue with the Heritage Veg plot by the Shelter. Simon to meet with them
- Crispin suggested another "Historical" plot for the Open Day. Something from the time of Ealing Dean's Foundation?
- We are creating more Fact Sheets about the Allotment to give to interested people (Open Days/ Showing people round)
- Slight changes to the lamination of signs to keep them waterproof.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER