

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 19.30

PRESENT: Crispin Harris, Christina Fox , Paul McConnell, Christine Charles and Jon Wilkins

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Kim Tompsett

SECTION A

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- **“ACTION POINT: ONE PAGE SUMMARY OF PAUL’S DOCUMENT FOR COUNCILLORS. CHRISTINA TO ADD A SECTION AT THE END. ” CRISPIN TO DO SUMMARY**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Plots rented out:  We now have the go-ahead to start renting again.	Plots available:  170A
Waiting list >>> 75 people	
Person at the top of the list joined in October 2014	

*The committee agreed that 157B will go to a plot holder that needs wheelchair access.*

Christine and I attended our quarterly meeting with Pathways. Clive said we can now start renting again as we have enough empty plots for those people who may be affected by the development if it goes ahead.

So, I have met with each plot holder (in order of length of tenancy) and showed them what was available. They have decided which plot they prefer. So, those plots have now been allocated. However these plots may

neot be needed until the end of the year and would become overgrown. So, all of these "empty" plots have been given a caretaker to look after them until the end of the year. If the development goes ahead then the affected plotholders will move into their new plots and the caretakers will move out.

Clive also mentioned that they had looked at the tenancy list and saw that some people have more than one plot. He suggested we ask the plot holder of 192 to swap to another plot so that we can use 192 as a communal plot. Christine can give us an update.

I've been working with Susannah on preparations for the open day. Nolan has volunteered to organise the banners.

A fox cub was found trapped by the fence and unconscious. Dominic managed to get over the fence and rescue the cub. I stayed with it until the RSPCA came to collect it.

I organised a bat walk (5<sup>th</sup> May) with the help of Sean McCormack of the Ealing Wildlife group. Around 40 people turned up to help identify which bat species are flying over the allotments to feed. We saw (and heard) common pipistrelles and soprano pipistrelles. However it was a cold and windy evening which is not great for bats. So, we hope to organise another bat walk when it warms up.

Another two members of the wildlife group are also helping out on site. Boady is a birder and has agreed to do bird identification. While Helen will be doing wildlife photography.

I have also been getting help and advice from Dianne of the London Wildlife trust.

Saturday morning (6<sup>th</sup> May) we had a stall in Walpole Park as part of the councils "Greener Living" event. Six other plotholders helped out and we managed to get another 52 signatures on the paper petition. That's another 52 people who now know about the development - that didn't before. Hopefully they will tell their friends.

*Simon's history boards were very effective.*

***ACTION POINT: Christine to look for an Easel***

## **Maintenance report**

The Sunday volunteer day (7<sup>th</sup> May) was a well attended. We had about 8 familiar (Saturday) faces but also two families who couldn't normally make it on a Saturday. We got a lot done including – trimming back some of the hedge, two areas were prepped for the open day and a couple of plots in the development area have had a trim and a tidy....plus a lot of litter was picked.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- £2815.58 in the bank account as the End of Year Figure for the audit.
- Fund raising Bank Account has **£5981.32p (check)**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Elizabeth has suggested a strip for Communal area i.e splitting the plot lengthways. On the grounds that the rest may become available later it is a start.

## **WEBSITE**

- Jon has analysed the names on the petition 3340 and **1070 (check)** are Ealing residents.

## **SECTION B POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **AGM PREPARATION**

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Room is booked
- Papers have gone out
- List of nominations and warning people they may have to speak
- Paul has created a voting form; Crispin to photocopy

### **SHEDS**

- **Permission is required for sheds to check size and positioning re convenience and shadow on neighbouring plots**

- **Extra constructions. The plot holder will be asked to dismantle them**
- **It is the total ground area AND the distance from the fence/hedgerow**

## **PARKING**

**A reminder that Parking is only for loading and unloading for 30 minutes.**

## **OPEN DAY**

- **We are going to create budgets for the Open day as part of the beginning of creating yearly budgets. Christina is meeting with Susannah to begin the process.**
- **Simon's shed project for the effect of a 1970s garddner just left the shed**

## **EAT ME DRINK ME**

- **Open day leaflets on the stall**
- **Cards for sale (Anything else?)**
- **Gardening tips**
- **Their banner on the allotment fence a week before each event**

## **SKIPS**

**Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> for the next skip.**

## **EQUIPMENT**

**Paul is going to have the lawn-mower serviced at Chiswick Honda**

**For next meeting**

**The cost of hiring a shredder**

**NEXT MEETING 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**