

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. 12TH JULY 19.30

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

SECTION A

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

AGM date. Paul to apply his timetable to a similar date next year

We are investigating a hedge trimmer.

Simon has bought an A3 Laminator

PLANNING:

We started with an up-date on the planning for the proposed building as that could happen over the summer.

- **Paul is organising a rough objection to the planning so that we can adapt when we see the actual offer.**
- **It may be now Apartments rather than houses**
- **Christina to give the overlay to Paul**
- **William has done the Heritage Register document which Christina is to sign off.**
- **We were offered an Ecological Survey; we are to ask sight of pathways.**
- **Paul and Jon are scanning the paper petitions to add them to the electronic one.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Plots rented out:	Plots available:
157B	200A

170A	226B
175A	
178A	
204B	
Waiting list >>> 83 people	
Person at the top of the list joined in January 2015	

A lot of my time this last month has been to get the open day organised. I think we can all agree it was (yet again) a great success with 711 visitors though the gate and a large amount of tea and cake sold. It is good to know we now have really good "teams" in place to organise stalls next year. Tana and Pauline did a fantastic job on the plant stall. Susannah and Melanie are team cake. While Dominic and Ian have the drinks sorted. This will take a lot of the pressure off me next year as they can just get on with organising their stalls and the volunteers they want to work with. Jess did a fantastic job on raffle prizes with the gas BBQ being the star prize from B&Q. Fran also managed to persuade several seed companies to give us free seeds for the children (and adults). Nolan was kept very busy with the "planting for kids" at least 80 children got to pot up a plant and take it home. I think he may need a bigger area and more helpers next year. Doing a quick check through my volunteer book – I reckon at least 55 ploholders helped out in total.

It is great to see that people are already excited about Halloween. Last week I caught Paul B. with a chandelier he had bought for the old apple tree bar! He already has loads of ideas for pumpkin displays.

I attended the Ealing & Hanwell (Boston Road) Allotment Association committee meeting.

I also attended the Ealing Allotment Partnership committee meeting. I asked about our composting toilet. Money was approved back in March but there seems to be a hold up. Chris Welch Ealing Council's Parks Operation Manager mentioned we need to contact Kofi Nyamah secretary of the Walpole Ward Form. Which I have now done (again) – also cc'ed to

our local councilors. Binda has phoned me and said she will get this moving. The next day Kofi emailed back and said he will get this sorted.

I have started renting out plots again now that we have permission from the landlord to resume.

Should we attend the Blondin Festival?

MAINTENANCE

This month was replaced by the Open Day

Dominic has dealt with a fallen sycamore branch.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report - 11th July 2017

Bank balances as at 30/06

Site management account: £2,690.13

Campaign/Fundraising account: £5,252.79

Income & expenditure in June

Site management account:

£ 0 in,

£ 125.45 out (Hedge shed project & maintenance)

Fundraising account:

£ 5 in (Donation),

£ 560 out (Solicitor's letter - £300, Open day float - £260)

Expected for July

1/ Open day expenses (estimate £1,200.00)

2/ Open day revenue (£3,294.42)

3/ Management fees from Pathways

Activities

1/ Jon is now a signatory and has online access to the Lloyds account

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There is a Pathways Quarterly Meeting coming up.

WEBSITE

- **No updates this month**

SECTION B POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

OPEN DAY

- **Bees not quite as arresting this year because we did not have the live section of the hive display**
- **The new layout of the site worked much better**
- **Special raffle tickets.**
- **Should next year be a Sunday?**
- **Already more teams in place for main jobs.**

EALING IN BLOOM are visiting the Plot again in July. Encourage individual plot holders to enter.

EAT ME DRINK ME

- **Taking part again**
- **Using Hunters' Marquee. (And for the Open Day)**

HALLOWEEN

- **Stocktaking to see what we need**
- **Christina needs a budget for decorations etc**
- **Carving pumpkins on site**
- **Selling a tunnel of pumpkins.**
- **We need more stewards**
- **Christina wants a skeleton.**

BONFIRES: November to February. Ask Loveday Road Plot Holders.

GARDENING CLUB

- **Which plot?**
- **Has to be novices; not necessarily the top of the list**
- **If we rent it it does not make work for Pathways.**

OAK TREE MOTH INFESTATION

Christina to investigate the notification to the Forestry Commission and how we get rid of them. Warning people of the effects

NEXT MEETING 12TH SEPTEMBER.