

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY  
MINUTES March 9, 2020, 7.30pm, The Forester

Present: Christina Fox, Penny Wark, Tana Scott, Richard Ashcroft, Dominic Small, Emma Payler-Lodge, Jane Morris

The **minutes** of the previous meeting were agreed. Matters arising:

*CF to put Accident and near-miss reporting forms, and hospital details, in tool shed.  
CF to get drinks licence for Summer open day.*

**Chair's report:**

Plots rented out: 147/GC4, 229/GC3

Plots available: 147/GC1, 227\GC9 and 234A which needs to be measured for GCs.

A couple more people signed up for the gardening club.

I've passed on emails to Pathways about several people who have not received their invoice and tenancy agreement.

The online allotment application form is proving useful. Several applications have come in in just a few weeks. So, well done to everyone involved for setting it up.

**Maintenance**

Water tank signs needed.

April volunteer day:

Strim and cut grass.

Toilet maintenance - guttering (JC), mount solar panel, plus cleaning. Southern loo urinal blocked.

Sand paths as required.

Level path between 238 and 240.

Mulch newly planted hedgerow.

Move table from 227 to 178 (to enable grass seeding.)

Match remaining gazebo frame with awning; dispose of other awnings.

*DS to do bonfire on 234A.*

*CF/EP to mark site for Halloween storage polytunnel on 234A.*

*TS to measure 234A after bonfire and polytunnel location established.*

*DS to buy gas refills.*

*CF to discuss skip with 219.*

**Secretary's report**

PW and TS attended Pathways meeting 11.2.20:

Deposit scheme - Haslemere don't support this but Pathways will support us in getting hoarders to clear rubbish.

Asbestos and tyre removal - Patricia checking appropriate firm to use.

Online application form - Pathways want to link their website to our form.

Pathways' contacts for plot holders - Haider for rent queries; Patricia for everything else eg trees, fencing.

Rental collection - Pathways expect committee to chase arrears. Key statement: "The auditors say we're spending too much on the allotments. This is because of the failure of our system and our failure to address it." They will send us an "accurate" arrears list within a month.

The maintenance grant for 2020-21 is likely to be around £4000.

*PW to check external signs, advise Pathways if changes needed, and look into a banner to add our own website address.*

*CF to send fencing fund info to EP; EP to do spreadsheet estimate.*

*PW to inform committee of date of next meeting and book room.*

### **Treasurer's report**

£143 of 2019-20 maintenance budget available.

*TS to research banks re emergency reserve account.*

*TS/CF to look at GC payments,*

### **Defining 2020-21 reserve policy**

This was discussed with main focus on developing communal plot. Vote to be taken prior to AGM.

### **AGM**

*PW to re-do AGM timeline to accommodate 21.5.20 AGM.*

### **3 strikes and out**

PW has written to Pathways asking for support in implementing this.

### **Communal plot update**

*DS to ask Sim for quote.*

*EP to write outline to facilitate further quotes.*

*CF to contact Joe Mangan at Horsenden.*

### **Winter site inspection**

*DS to keep an eye out for shed for 157B.*

### **Newsletter contents**

Volunteer day, plus AGM date.

**AOB**

*RA to sell donated shredder on eBay, or other site.*

**Next meeting: Monday April 6, 7.30pm**