

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 19.30

PRESENT: Christina Fox, Kim Tompsett, Christine Charles, Crispin Harris, Simon Coleman, Jon Wilkins.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted. Minutes to be kept in both Ealing Dean and Google folders.

A. The Chairman's Report

1. Christina went to a meeting with Pathways last Tuesday 28th January to look at a new spreadsheet.
 - Pathways is not raising the rent this year.
 - The money allocated to EDAS will be in two "pots". The first (approx. £3,000 to £3,500) will be for the General on-going Maintenance. The second will be a "Sinking Fund" for one -off capital projects. (approx £2,200). Pathways will retain that and carry over surplus. (?)
 - There will also be an "Incentive" bonus when all the plots are let and in cultivation.
 - On Friday this week there will be a meeting with Heider to look at who has paid on the spreadsheet.
 - Christina has re-worked the tenancy letter in preparation for this year's agreements.
 - Pathways would like congruence between Northfields and Hazlemere.
 - There will not be a separate payment for EDAS membership.
2. Christina and Simon went to the Walpole Ward Forum to inform the Councillors about the progress in Radbourne Walk.
 - Christina gave an outline of the History, The Land Registry, Pathways "ownership" and EDAS taking responsibility for including it within the allotment remit.
 - Simon outlined the proposal for the scheme and the success of the first working party on Saturday.
 - Everyone was very positive. Possibility of some money from the Ward and David Highton(?) will help with the forms.
 - In networking afterwards Christina met Steve Moxton who not only was enthusiastic but might give material help. Christina has e-mailed him for "manpower and materials".

ACTION POINTS

- Friday meeting. Spreadsheet
- Contact with Walpole Councillors
- Follow up with Steve Moxton.

- Nick Woolven. Hedging expert at the meeting. Knows tree surgeons. EDAS to become a "Centre of Excellence" for varieties of hedge layering.

B. The Treasurer's Report

Kim had a frustrating session with Nat West and Halifax and Metro were unsatisfactory. Lloyds were on the ball and very helpful.

- Treasurer's Account
- Less than 50K
- No minimum amount.
- To arrange second signature. Very easy to change signatures.
- No daily charges.
- Free coin bags.
- Only fees if lots of Direct Debits.
- Forms on line and then a meeting to establish proof of identity.

Action Points

- Christina and Kim to sign
- Kim to start process.

C. The Secretary's Report

Christine has been going to Pathways to deal with communications. Almost none except for waiting list e-mails. Gave list of Saturday's volunteers to Christina.

D. Maintenance Report

Simon has been overseeing the Maintenance.

Radbourne Walk

- Very successful
- Positive
- Mixture of plot-holders and local residents.
- Refreshments a success
- Despite the Mattock Lane Gas Leak everything went very well both in the clearing and planting.
- Simon thought what he had planned had been achieved.
- Signs were effective.

Action Points

- Simon to leaflet the other side of Loveday Road
- Occupation Road End March 1st.

The Gates

Simon has added a piece of Fence panel under the gate to stop intruders squeezing under it.

Action Points

- What should be done to the top of the gate?
- Christina is researching various options
- Ask our "Policeman Plotholder"
- Keeping an eye on intruders.

The Trees

- Simon is using Crispin's chainsaw. Going well.
- The new plotholder of 163(?) is going to remove the tree which leans over a shed.
- Christina is going to provide a float for Simon's paint etc. for the notice Boards.

E: AOB

Action Points.

- The Centre Path is being cleared. The Long Walk is to be inspected. Christina is organising a site visit to look at it and the available plots. Once we have seen the lie of the land a priority plan for the "Walk". This will be the major budget spend in the first year.
- Recycling of waste. Metal, Plastic and Glass. Simon to build bays when we have a Communal Plot
- Crispin to get Skip Hire Firm details.
- Plot Holders to be encouraged to take responsibility for the upgrading of the site :e.g carpets, large trees, bramble removal.
- The instigation of "Nursery Plots". What size? Where? Part of the site inspection.
- All the plot holder's ideas to be logged and considered.