

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY
MINUTES October 14 2019, 7.30pm, The Forester

Present: Christina Fox, Penny Wark, Tana Scott, Richard Ashcroft, Dominic Small
Apologies for absence: Emma Payler-Lodge

Navroz Chandon has submitted his resignation.

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

TS and SC will continue to mark boundaries of plots as they become available.

Tyres: we have 30 for disposal; cost is £2.50 each.

Pathways has dealt with onsite theft incidents.

Three strikes and out consultation returns 100% support.

CF to redesign allotment application form

CF to buy essential tools

CF to put Accident log book with First Aid kit (Jon W has gate postcodes)

CF to ask Pathways to dispose of tyres when they take asbestos

RA to talk to Cake stall lead, and email completed R and R document to committee

Chair's report:

Four plots rented out.

The report covered:

Working with Pathways to deal with tenancy agreement breaches; tenancy renewals being sent out.

New twitter account is @Northfield1832

Save Northfields Allotments Facebook page has been renamed to "Northfields Allotments Ealing."

Halloween leaflets are being distributed; FB is doing social media family sites.

Northfields did well in the annual vegetable and flower show with at least six plot holders coming away with prizes and silverware! Special congratulations to Dom and the giant pumpkin.

Halloween open day organisation continues. the drinks licence has arrived.

Maintenance

Plot 186 handover: plot in good shape so no volunteer assistance.

Plot 195: Committee unanimous that lime tree will remain in place. The next plot holder skip can be used for clearance.

Volunteer day team leaders to be identified in advance.

DS offered to take on maintenance role.

October 19 volunteer day tasks:

Radbourne tidy

Cut grass on communal plot, main paths and 178.

Strim as required.

Put up marquee

Put up tunnel

Litter pick

Move remaining woodchip to Mattock Lane bin area or compost bins

TS to get quotes for crown reduction of walnut tree, and pollarding willow at rear of 221

DS and TS to assess sycamore work

CF to ask Pathways how much fence debt paid off

EP to research weatherproof notice board for communal plot

Secretary's report

*TS to chase independent auditor re revised AGM timeline
PW to sort out committee@ email*

Treasurer's report

This years management fee (1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020) received from Pathways for site maintenance is £3,818.

Spend to date £1,399.

As in previous years we have budgeted for four 12 yard skips over this year. We have budget left for one 12 yard and one 8 yard skip.

Over the past few years rubbish clearance has been a priority but the worst has now been removed.

We need to allocate funds to the maintenance of those internal communal trees and hedgerow trees which are not Pathways responsibility and are too large for volunteers to tackle.

TS to rethink maintenance budget

Halloween

Capital Choir will be taking part.

Bee stall will be next to Produce.

Spaceship on 234.

Skeletons and bats for Radbourne.

*CF and PW to collect Hunters marquee pm Friday October 18
PW to order 150 pumpkins*

Website/Social media

See chair's report above.

The committee discussed the urgent need for social media to promote the Halloween event.

RA left the meeting.

Health and safety

Committee-authorized bonfires to be held outside volunteer days.

CF to research H and S practice: council allotments, Ealing Allotments Partnership, RHS and Ascot.

Newsletter contents

PW to send newsletter weekend of 19th: Pumpkin carving, jams and cakes. Request individual cakes eg muffins very popular.

AOB

CF to talk with plot holder about hedge near central path

Committee to consider sponsoring cup for annual show

CF to bill Gardening Club members for annual £30

PW to change November room booking

Next meeting: Monday November 18, 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed