

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DEC 19.30

PRESENT: , Simon Coleman, Jon Wilkins. Christina Fox ,Kim Thompsett Mardien Drew and Christine Charles.

APOLOGIES: Crispin Harris, Hilary Wright

SECTION A

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- The minutes were accepted.
- It was suggested and agreed that Agenda and minutes would not be printed out for distribution at meeting. Most members print their own or use screens so better not to waste time and paper
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- **Chair's report** –
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Plots rented out:	Plots available:  244A 170A available next month or two 241 we will use this plot to chip the wood from the pollarded willows.
Waiting list >>>71 people >>> was 75 people Person at the top of the list joined on 18/06/2013	

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- **Willow trees** – I spent three days on site while the willow trees were being pollarded. Also helping with crowd control and moving branches was Christine (plot 166), Simon (plot 198), Dominic (plot 163B) and Felix (plot 233). We removed a fence panel and the chipper was driven in and parked on plot 241.
- Peter Thomas (Pathways) came to have a look and was impressed that so many of us were there to help.
- I think Kevin from Wildwood Trees has done a great job. There is now so much more light and the trees branches are no longer a danger. We did have one accident. Ivy's shed took a direct hit. So, Kevin provided a new sheet of board for the roof and I bought some roof felt. Simon and Dominic did the repairs.
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- Most of the woodchips have gone on the path by the compost bins or onto plots. Dominic has volunteered to have a bonfire on 241 of all the small branched that could not go through the chipper. I left a message on Facebook about the logs and a few people have helped themselves. Also someone from Loveday Road took some. I'll put the word out again as there are still a lot of logs on plot 241.
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- **Show Plot** – Simon and I have been meeting with volunteers who will work on the show plots for the open day. I have met with my group three times so far. This is also on the agenda so we'll give a full account in the meeting.
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- **Open day** – Someone mentioned that it was not easy to tell who was a visitor and who was a plot holder/volunteer on the open day. So, I have been looking at possible ways to positively identify open day helpers.
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- **Competition** - I've posed a question on a couple of allotment forums "what do you do for your childrens' competitions?". Pumpkin growing and carving was popular (two bites of the cherry). Making scarecrows was mentioned several times. This is also an agenda item – so we can decide what do we want to do next year.
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### **Treasurers Report**

We have £403.35 ?? (Kim I don't think I recorded this number correctly – could you clarify, thanks) in the account .

£107.00 due to be paid to RHS for insurance

### **Secretary's Report**

Attempt to visit Galina and ask about her health re ability to work her plot not successful.

Scrubs Lane stables have horse manure available . They do not deliver. Should be noted that the horses are bedded on sawdust shavings so will need to be well rotted before use.

### **Maintenance Report**

Work day on Radbourne went well . We had a visit from the Ramblers Association who came to look at the walk. They were very impressed and might provide funds for maintaining the Path. The next work day will be on the Radbourne Walk in February . No work day in January.

## **Website Report**

More content added – Open Day is now on there.

We need more pictures in particular of our Work Days.

## **Items for discussion-**

- Changes to Tenancy agreement. It was agreed that changes should be sent to Hilary who will work on incorporating them into the document.
- Letter to Charity Groups who rent plots. Secretary to produce form of words for next meeting.
- AGM – room to be booked as soon as the Community Centre opens its new booking calendar.
- Heritage Show Plot- 6 volunteers came forward. 2 allocated to Anderson Shelter plot. Christina has offered the other 4 the opportunity to create a Potager for display on our Open Day 2016. All Volunteers have signed an agreement.
- Children's Competition – lots of ideas. Sunflower competition agreed. Judge then on work day, along with a BBQ, in Sept as they will not be at maximum height in June. Christina will look for seeds.
- Bandanas – this idea to identify committee on Open Days was voted out ! Other suggestions made but no definite decision made.

## **AOB**

Galina- not been seen for some time. No response to Secretary's visit . UPDATE- her relatives have been seen on site . She is still ill and they have decided that she is no longer fit enough to work her plot.

Non-Cultivation guidelines will be sent out in the new year when it can reasonably be expected that folk should be on site. Use bullet points for criteria.

Wildwood quote for trees. – ask Simon or Dominic to quote for removing Russian Vine . Get Wildwood to quote for other tree in Radbourne, tree overhanging Loveday Rd garden and small lime on David R's plot!

Make plan of trees needing work to create an on-going plan.

Badge machine hire suggested as fundraiser for Open Day

Date of next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016