

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. TUESDAY 12TH JAN 19.30

PRESENT: Crispin Harris, Simon Coleman, Jon Wilkins. Christina Fox , Hilary Wright , Mardien Drew and Christine Charles.

APOLOGIES: Kim Thompsett

SECTION A

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- The minutes were accepted.
From Last Minutes as a reminder
- *Possible date for next year's Open Day. We are looking at Saturday 25th June as nothing is clashing.*
- *Annual General Meeting. Materials/Information to go to plotholders about a month before.*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Plots rented out: 158B 168A 170A 172A 174	Plots available: 244A 241 we used this plot to chip the wood from the pollarded willows.
Waiting list >>> 66 people >>> was 71 people	
Person at the top of the list joined on 6 November 2013	

Sad news to report that Pat O'Shaunessy of plot 173 died over the new year. Christine has sent a condolence card on behalf of the committee. We'll leave it a few weeks before we contact the family about Pat's belongings in his shed.

I have caught up with plot rentals – it was difficult to get hold of people over the holidays although I did show someone round the site on Christmas Eve.

I've had a couple of sessions with the open day potager (show plot) volunteers. The most recent get together was to move a shed (kindly donated by Trevor and Sylvie). This will become the potager summerhouse. We haven't done very much due to the wet weather.

Because we had so many tenancy changes between 168 and 174 we thought it was a good opportunity to measure and even out some of the plot sizes as much as possible. For example - Plot 172 was 6m wide while 174 was 7.5m. Jon, Simon and I (over several days) did the measurements and marked out the new paths and plot boundaries.

Plot 170A's previous tenants left behind a cement slab which they had poured for their shed base quite a few years ago. Simon and I have asked Dominic to remove it.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

We need an update on the balance.

We also need the audited accounts for the AGM

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Christine is continuing to liaise with Pathways and trying to contact people from whom we have not heard.

Gallina 206 is still poorly and her family are suggesting she gives up the plot.

Christine has met the new Executive of Pathways who seems to be very nice.

No definitive news yet about a rent increase. Christine feels she would have heard by now.

MAINTENANCE REPORT AND UP-DATES

- January not a volunteer month
- February. Clear up of Radbourne. Metal rakes fine with the leaves
- March. Infills of Hedgerow with saplings from the Woodland Trust.
- Metal recycling getting filled
- We had a skip in November. Need to plan for the next year
- Christina and Simon organising more sand.

JON'S REPORT

Ongoing from last months minutes

Web-site "all is fine" and Jon is hopeful that in the Winter months there will be more additions and amendments.

Facebook is very successful and people are posting pictures etc.

Open Day needs a presence on the web-site.

- Mailchimp is proving a good move
- Spam removal seems to be working

SECTION B

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- Changes to the Tenancy Agreement. Simon has done some amendments and Hilary has incorporated both these and other changes into a new document. It won't be formalised for this year but is at least in process.
- Composting toilets. Much discussion about the research into a new company. Outcome was that we will eventually need 2 at 1200 pounds each. Would they be cheaper if Hazelmere wanted one as well?
- We looked at Padlocks from the Locksmiths. We are going to stay with keys for the moment but will look at costs
- Agenda for the AGM which will be on Sunday April 17th at 19.00pm
Mailing to people with no e-mail. Time Date Location. Asking the plot holders what they would like the budget to be used on and suggestions for Officers.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY