

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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.
- **Action Point** Simon to investigate/do new History posters for the site.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Plots rented out:  171A 172A 175A 206A 206B 217B	Plots available:  156B 178B 186A
Waiting list >>> 62 people	
Person at the top of the list joined in April 2014	

I have been mainly showing people new plots and signing them up. We have six new tenants. This takes up a fair bit of time so this has kept me fairly busy this month.

Met with the police to look at the break-ins on site. Our communal shed was broken into but it doesn't look like anything was taken.

We had a complaint from a resident in Mattock Lane about a bonfire on plot 241. They had been working on the plot and the plothead made a small fire to boil a kettle for a cup of tea. The resident was very angry and

the plotheader felt very intimidated. (The resident's neighbours took pity on the plotheader and her helpers and offered to make them some tea.) I have given the plotheader some advice on what to do if the resident approaches her again.

Simon and I met with an artist who is interested in doing a mural in the Radbourne Walk.

Organised two history/nature walks with John Wells 16th June and 23 August.

We had a trial photo fashion shoot on site. Philip Waterman (plot 234B) is a professional photographer and asked if he could use his plot for a photo shoot. He contacted some of his neighbours to ask their permission to use their sheds/plots as a backdrop. He's agreed to let us have some of the photos so we can use them with agencies to advertise the site as a photographic location.

Finally got a gardening club contact at Fielding School. I've exchanged emails and waiting to hear back from them.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Kim was absent but in speaking to Christina she is going to present balances etc at the AGM.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

- Christine and Christina think we have possible six plots holders who have not paid.
- We had 2 skips over the weekend because of the amount of hedgerow rubbish.

- The Mission Statement of the Aims and Objectives of the various charities that rent plots. Still no further news so it is being passed back the Pathways

#### MAINTENANCE REPORT AND UP-DATES

- April Volunteer day was dealing with clearing the hedgerow boundary on the Northfield side. Huge amount of rubbish (hence two skips above)
- Shed moved. Very tricky
- Still some path repair/ reseed to do but Simon will do some/all of this himself.
- Lots of metal re-cycling.

#### JON'S REPORT

Web site is running OK. We are going to post various documents on the web-site as and when they are ready as some are so on-going that they would never be "finished"

#### SECTION B

#### POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- Parking on the site. **All cars to leave contact details in them so no one gets stuck.** Disabled permits to be displayed. The Central Pathway is an unloading area not a car park.
- Banned items. **Carpet and Rubber Tyres. No new ones on site and ideal to remove the ones on site as and when we can.** The committee will help remove them.
- Open Day ideas: A plate of vegetables for sale, RSPB stall, plant sale.
- Volunteers and sub committee for the Open Day.
- Videos on display in the air-raid shelter.
- Sunflower competition to be judged in September at the Barbecue on the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. Tallest, Biggest, most blooms. Medals and prizes.
- How big should a polytunnel be on the site? Maximum of 2 x 4 metres
- Sheds 8 x 7 feet for a half plot and 10 x 8 for a full.

NEXT MEETING **TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**