

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. 14TH JUNE 19.30

PRESENT: Crispin Harris, Christina Fox , Paul McConnell, Christine Charles and Jon Wilkins

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Paul McConnell

SECTION A

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

OPEN DAY BAR

Dominic is organising buying the drink from the wholesaler and Jon extras from Costco.

- We will try out things this time. We already have some Pimms
- We will try wine, cask beer and bottled beer.
- The Old Apple Tree bar because of where it will be situated.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Plots rented out: 170A	Plots available:
Waiting list >>> 74 people	
Person at the top of the list joined in January 2015	

We held our AGM which was reasonably well attended and there was a good discussion amongst ploholders on a variety of subjects probably the two most important being the bonfire ban and the maximum number of plots one person can have.

I have been mainly organising things around the open day. Susannah, Dominic, Fran and Nolan have been helping out. I should also mention Jon and I spent an evening huddled over a spreadsheet looking at costings and budget - which was really helpful. I'm hoping we can be more business like with the open days now we are more experienced at running them.

We have been offered some First Aid courses run by St John's Ambulance. These are usually very expensive - but places are ours for just £25 donation.

I am booked on a free bat course on Thursday 15th June.

MAINTENANCE

We held a volunteer day on the 3rd June which was very well attended. Around 18 people turned up and we managed to trim back a large amount of the hedgerow. Plus a large mound of soil was cleared and tidied in front of Simon's 1960's shed reconstruction.

Another skip has been filled!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balances

Site management account: £2,795.58 estimated (as at 31/05) [£2,670.13 on 12/05]

Campaign/Fundraising account: £ 5,807.79 (as at 31/05)

Income & expenditure in May

1/ Fundraising account: £ 530.24 in, £ 0 out (solicitor's letter);

Activities

1/ Kim, Christina and I have begun the process to switch Kim's name on the account to mine.

ACTION POINT: JON TO FIND OUT ABOUT PATHWAYS CHEQUE

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Christine is to investigate whether we have an "Evening Do" after the open day
- Skips in preparation for Open Day and the Clean up

WEBSITE

- Jon has analysed the names on the petition 3340 and **1070 (check)** are Ealing residents.

SECTION B POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

OPEN DAY

- **We are going to create budgets for the Open day as part of the beginning of creating yearly budgets.**
- **Simon's shed project for the effect of a 1970s gardener just left the shed**
- **Mural**
- **A3 Laminator**
- **Donation Collecting Tins**

EALING IN BLOOM are visiting the Plot.

EAT ME DRINK ME

- **Open day leaflets on the stall**
- **Cards for sale (Anything else?)**
- **Gardening tips ?**
- **Their banner on the allotment fence a week before each event**
- **Using Hunters' Marquee. (And for the Open Day)**

BONFIRES: November to February. Ask Loveday Road Plot Holders.

ABSENTEE PLOT-HOLDERS.

Need to find a form of words for contacting absentee plotholders if there is then a problem with the plot.

CLEARING PLOTS

Item in the budget for the clearing of plots. We considered the idea of a deposit but difficult to put into practice.

YEARLY BUDGET

- **Suggestions for budget headings; Skips, Open days, Insurance and Memberships, Maintenance and Volunteer Days, Hedgerow, Radbourne, Tools and Equipment and Contingency.**

ACTION POINT: The cost of hiring a shredder

PLANNING APPLICATION

- **Contacting Councillors and Trustees.**
- **William's document**
- **Letters of Objection**
- **Examples of letters so that people do not all write the same thing**

DATE OF AGM

- **Paul to prepare dates for the diary.**
- **Nomination process**
- **Skills and responsibilities**

NEXT MEETING 12TH JULY