

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. 11TH OCT 19.30

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

APOLOGIES from Christine Charles

SECTION A

Chair's report – OCTOBER 2017

Plots rented out:	Plots available: 200A 226B
Plots being left un-rented due to the development: 147, 152B, 159, 217A, 224, 227, 231,	
Waiting list >>> 81 people Person at the top of the list joined in January 2015	

I still can't quite believe it - we came second in the Ealing in Bloom competition. It really shows that all our hard work in clearing the site has paid off. The volunteers have worked so hard over the last three years clearing up the rubbish that had accumulated. They have proved that they love the site as much as they love their own plot. One of the judges told me they were impressed that all our plots are rented and well tended. He also said they thought it was a beautiful site and that we should encourage some of the ploholders to enter their own plots too as there were some that were of a very high standard.

Christine Jon and I met with Vinka from Haslemere to talk about how we can help each other and possible changes to the tenancy agreement.

Tana and I met with Charlotte and Kevin the tree surgeon a few days ago to look at trees in the Radbourne Walk. Tana has set out a comprehensive plan of maintenance for the Radbourne. She explained to Charlotte that work on the sycamores now would save money in the long term. We will

have to see if there is money in Pathways budget to do the work required. I bumped into David Highton. He had been over to pathways office and had spoken to the CEO. They showed him a model of the development and said it will not be going into planning "for at least a couple of months". Which takes us into the run up to Christmas. Charlotte also told him that they had not advertised for the new CEO post yet.

I have met with ten parents and their children about using the allotments for homeschooling activities.

I met with Rachel Evans of the Pauline Quirke drama academy which is based in Elthorne Park High School. They had spoken to Anne at Pathways about putting up a banner on the allotment fence. Anne emailed me to say it was our decision to allow them to use the fence and any monies should go to EDAS' funds. I had a long chat with Rachel and showed her around the site. I've suggested they could use the site for performances –on the open days (especially Halloween). They are very keen to work with us and have made a donation.

I attended the Ealing & Hanwell (Boston Road) Allotment Association committee meeting.

I attended the Loveday Road neighbourhood watch meeting with Tana. I updated them on the development and Radbourne Walk. Tana explained about the anti social behavior in the Radbourne Walk.

Met with Nina to design the communal plot.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Preparation for Halloween

- Moving sheds and clearing a shed
- Clearing Radbourne Walk
- Clipping Hedge at Mattock lane end.

ACTION POINT: WE NEED TO ACQUIRE SOME MORE GLOVES. SECATEURS AND RAKES. Paul agreed to look at possible suppliers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Site Management account £4284.89

Fundraising account £7871.89

We bought a hedge trimmer £ 307.99

Donation from PQA £138.70

Expenses for Halloween project approx. £220

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nothing extra to Christina's report

WEBSITE

Addition of an Open day page

SECTION B POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

HALLOWEEN

We may receive a grant towards the Halloween event from Walpole forum. We have to buy some extra decorations and lighting as well as what has already been spent on printing etc. So we are going to keep within the possible grant of £800.

Lots of discussion about the planning for the event and where various stalls etc are being situated.

Paul and Christina to carry out Risk Assessment.

NORTHFIELDS MARKET

Good showcase for the event and the campaign

DOBIES SEED SCHEME

Setting up an account where there are rewards and discounts if people buy their seeds through the scheme. Agreed to Option B: 40% discount for members for Seed and 10% for Other.

NEXT MEETING **8th NOVEMBER**