

EDAS MEETING 18TH JULY 7.30 FORRESTERS

PRESENT: Christina Fox, Crispin Harris, Ian Wilkins, Simon Coleman, Penny Wark, Emma Payler-Lodge.

1.MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- No apologies
- Christine Charles co-opted
- E-mail guidelines on the web-site
- Enquiring about plumber for the water at the Mattock Lane end.

2. Chairs Report – July 2018

Plots rented out: NONE Plots available: NONE

Plots being left un-rented due to the development:

- 148A Linda -159 Simon K - 217A Chris - 224 Tim and Kelly - 231 Adrienne -

Most of my time over the last few weeks was taken up by the open day. We had 773 visitors and had a very successful day. As always our volunteers were brilliant and special mention should go to Dom and Ian for the Damson Tree Bar, Melanie and Susannah (with Celia and Nicola's mum) for the cake stall, Emma and Fran for produce stall, Tana and Mo for the plant stall, Jon for sorting out the money and shopping and Jess for raffle prizes. But, it should be noted around 50 ploholders were involved, in some way, in making this a successful event.

This was our fourth summer open day and I think it showed. We all knew what to do and our teams were confident to take control and get things organised. This took a lot of the pressure off me - which was great, as I had just started a new job. The new communal plot was a great asset. I also think that holding the open day on a Sunday worked really well. It gave us Saturday to get everything in place and so Sunday morning was only stressful because of the heat (30degrees C). We have always stressed that the summer open day is about opening the gates to local people and making friends. On the day eight people signed up for an allotment and eleven to our volunteer list (Four more have applied online). One person on my walking tour told me she had been "inspired" – hopefully she was not the only one.

We held our AGM which was well attended. It was good to see so many people turn up and have a lively discussion at the end. Once again bonfire

times were mentioned. It was also good to have new recruits to the committee.

Jon and I attended the quarterly meeting with Pathways and met two new members of Haslemere's committee. We asked about the maintenance payment and Mark replied to our question in a later email.

"In answer to your query , The maintenance fee for 18 months to September 2019 : For Northfield allotment is £4,954. We paid you maintenance fee for 12 months to March 2019: Northfield- £3,303" I emailed to ask when the second portion of the payment would be paid – he replied "The remaining fee Will be paid in april 1919" I'm guessing he meant April 2019.

We also talked to Mark about non-cultivating ploholders and the letters they are sent.

We also talked briefly about procedures and the management agreement we have between Pathways and both allotments. This is now four years old and is probably due for a review.

Christine, Penny and I conducted a site survey. Several plots were identified for non-cultivation letters and some for gentle reminders.

Committee members have all been using WhatsApp to message each other. It seems to be working well and keeping the flow of email down to a dull roar.

2.MAINTENANCE

The volunteer day came one week after the open day so involved an element of tidying up. The biggest job was removing all our stuff from plot 192 and returning it in good condition back to the ploholders.

We now have a large pile of asbestos which we need to dispose of

3.Treasurer's report - 16th July 2018

Bank balances as at 30/06

Site management account: £ 5241.83

Campaign/Fundraising account: £ 13,987.13

Income & expenditure in June

1/ Site management account:

£ 894.00 out (3 skips - 2 for 194/148 + 1 for community)

£ 3303.00 in ()

2/ Fundraising account:

£ 1000.00 out (float of open day)

£ 0 in ()

Expected for July

1/ Fundraising :

- £13.49 in - donations
- £3195 in - open day notes
- £906.11 in - open day coins (via Lloyds)
- £550.76 out - open day expenses (Christina, Jon, Simon)
- ~£200 out - open day expenses (Emma, Dominic)

2/ Site management account:

- £280.73 - various site management expenses

4. Web- site

Penny and Emma to create material for the web-site.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Committee needs to feedback any on-going discussions or outcomes to the Proposer of a project.

NOTICEBOARDS

We are going to post FAQs and Gate Etiquette on Noticeboards and Gates.

HEDGEROW SITE ASSESSMENT.

We are going to set aside approx. £150 to repair and replace a section of Hedgrerow. Time and date to be decided. (August)

PATHS INBETWEEN PLOTS

We are going to warn people that this will be 'The Year of the Path' and we are going to try to re-instate the path in between plots.

- Remind people they are responsible for the path on both sides of their plot
- The Committee will start looking at the paths at the end of September.

OPEN DAY CATEGORIES

The Committee to set the categories for the winners.

HALLOWEEN SPACES

As well as The Communal Plot we need to identify where the various activities will happen.

AOB

TOILET BOUNDARY

Create some "screening" between the pathway to the new toilet and the plot.

WHEELBARROWS

Going to solid wheels on the wheelbarrows. Simon to investigate.

NEXT MEETING 5th September.