

EDAS MEETING 12TH SEPTEMBER 7.30 FORRESTERS

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

1.MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- No apologies
- Christine Charles co-opted
- Tana Scott co-opted as she is already overseeing The Radbourne Walk, has specialist skills and connections in the local area.
- Enquiring about plumber for the water at the Mattock Lane end.
- Crispin to write hedgerow letter when he is given information by Christina.

2. Chairs Report – Aug/Sept 2018

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Plots rented out: NONE	Plots available: 147B Gardening Club 153B 160B 223B 235B (new half) 240D Gardening Club 240E Gardening Club
Plots being left un-rented due to the development: - 148A Linda -159 Simon K - 217A Chris - 224 Tim and Kelly - 231 Adrienne -	

Jon and I attended the Northfield Ward Forum.

Eight non cultivation letters were sent. Then after two weeks six terminations were sent. One was told that they had done enough but that we would re-inspect in a couple of months. One has been referred to Pathways for a decision.(see table on next page)

Three committee members met with the family of plot 235. They had been sent a termination letter and asked for more time and consideration due to ill health. It was agreed they would reduce from a full to a half plot. The committee decided to give them 6 weeks to dig over the plot and clear it of weeds.

Art Beat asked to use our fence for their banners. They donated £10 to our fund as a thank you. Brentford Festival and Soundbite both put up large banners on our fence. Neither asked permission from Pathways or the committee.

Tana strimmed and I cleared the rubbish from 160B.

Contacted Questors to help look after our Halloween queue. Sadly they won't be able to help. So, we still need to find a way to keep people from getting bored while waiting to get into the event. I was also emailed by a Halloween visitor who suggested some type of barrier to protect the children in the queue from the Northfields traffic. I emailed our councillors but have not yet received a reply. I will attend the ward forum next week.

The Metropolitan Public Gardens Association emailed "We have been following your campaign and have given it a mention under 'Gardens and Green Spaces under Threat' in our forthcoming Annual Report. In the Evening Standard write up of 13 May 2017, there was a particularly good picture of the allotments with a rainbow in the background. I wonder if you have this picture, or perhaps another similar, and if we might reproduce it in our Annual Report, which will go to the printers very shortly?"

Shirley Brihi

Professional photographer Chris Preece has done a study of Northfield ploholders as part of a course run by the photo agency Magnum. He will let us use some of his photos on our website and hopes to return for Halloween.

MAINTENANCE

Whilst working on the Radbourne Walk a wasp's nest was discovered in the compost bins.

- Team leaders being used on the day so that discrete jobs can be managed.
- September jobs included ; the Halloween Shed, 235B, the hedgerow at 240 and fence work.
- The Lawnmower needs more petrol and maintenance.
- Simon cut back 194.
- As part of the preparation of renting a plot using Volunteers to tidy the plot to the point it is possible to start working on it without it being impossible.

ACTION POINT Booking the Saloon Bar at the Foresters on 27th Oct and the 7th December.

3.Treasurer's report - 12th September 2018

Bank balances as at 30/08

Site management account: £ 4995.10

Campaign/Fundraising account: £ 17,551.61

Income & expenditure in August

1/ Site management account:

£ 6.00 out (Emma Stationery

£ 0 in ()

2/ Fundraising account:

£ 93.00 out (open day expenses

£ 9 in (£10 donation via Stripe)

Expected for September

1/ Fundraising :

- £18.32 in - donations
- £400.00 out Open Day expenses

2/ Site management account:

- £45 out - Simon various site management expenses

Other Open Day expenses still to come.

4. Web- site

Penny has "tidied up" the web site
There is a new main Bar.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

TYRES SITE ASSESSMENT

Tana and Simon to do a site assessment by the end of October.

HALLOWEEN SPACES etc

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

- 159 Produce
- Game of Thrones 178
- Children's area Georgina's space
- Tea and Cake etc on Communal plot
- Buggy Park opposite Main Gate
- Queue in Occupation Road
- Opening Times 3.00 – 7.00
- Look at signage

HEDGEROW SITE ASSESSMENT.

Has been done and the results will be posted on the website.

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.

- The assessment has been done and we have identified the various levels of work that need to be done on the plot. The most difficult areas are designated A, the next B and easiest to deal with C.
- Bs on volunteer day," A"s when we can.

SHREDDER/CHIPPER.

Christine is going to investigate hiring a chipper/shredder for a day or a weekend. We would like to stop having to burn wood on the site.

GARDENING CLUB

Going well. We have to be careful that the purpose of the Gardening Club plots keeps its integrity. If a Gardening Club Plot Holder is offered a half plot they must accept one after a year.

DOBIES UPDATE

Plot holders gave mixed feedback on Dobie's Products. **We will look at Kings for a discount scheme**

FILM CREWS

Enquiries from film crews and photographers. Need to check that plot holders are happy being filmed.

HIGHTONS

Crispin to organise thanks to the Hightons .

AOB

Looking for funding for Communal Plot. We need to allocate specific budgets for each element of the project

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Wednesday 13th October.