

EDAS MEETING 10TH OCTOBER 7.30 FORRESTERS

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

1.MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Christine Charles
- Crispin to write hedgerow letter when he is given information by Christina.

- **Chairs Report – October 2018**

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| Plots rented out: 153B - Laura 160B - Nadia 221B - Seaver 223B - Amina | Plots available: 147B Gardening Club 147C Gardening Club 235A 235B 240D Gardening Club 240E Gardening Club 240H Gardening Club |
| Plots being left un-rented due to the development: - 148A Linda -159 Simon K - 217A Chris - 224 Tim and Kelly - 231 Adrienne - | |

Plot 235 and plot 223B have now been terminated and new tenants to be installed in the next few days.

Four plots have been rented. One is still thinking and one still to show – plus I now need to get stuck into the gardening club plots.

Lots of time has been spent on Halloween preparations and a well attended meeting was held. However, we still need a lot more volunteers to help out on the day.

Tana, Penny and I attended the Walpole ward forum. I suggested to the councillors that they might like to help with funds again for the Halloween event. Plus one of the Northfield councillors volunteered to give us some funds too.

Points from report

We are going to try out the hired shredder.

Dobie's has had mixed reviews so Christina is going to look at other firms.

Sorting out the rents from the Gardening Club plots.

We need to write to the Ward Forums of Northfields and Walpole who have offered money to support the Halloween Event.

Organising a Gazebo

MAINTENANCE

How to plan what happens on a Volunteer Day.

Have to be flexible but in general there are

1. Annual Jobs
2. On-going jobs
3. Particular jobs

The week before will be decision time.

In preparation for Halloween the Communal plot has been levelled and some grass seed applied.

Maintenance plot is being tidied.

The "Retired Gardener" figure has been stolen and repairs are needed to the fence and gate.

Wanted Poster for the return of the figure.

2. Secretary's report

Middle Bar is booked for Halloween and Public Bar for Friday 7th December.

3. Treasurer's report – 10th October 2018

Bank balances as at 30/09

Site management account: £ 4,912.26 (was £ 4,955.10)

Campaign/Fundraising account: £ 17,182.84 (was £ 17,551.61)

Income & expenditure in September

1/ Site management account:

£ 42.84 out (Simon, Maintenance expenses)

£ 0 in ()

2/ Fundraising account:

£ 387.09 out (open day expenses - Dom, Jon)

£ 18.32 in (£20 donation via Stripe)

Expected for October

1/ Fundraising :

- £500.00 out - halloween expenses (bar - Dom)

We had a discussion about what should happen to the allocation of funds once we reach our 20K provisional target. We talked about continuing to add to the fund as expenses will have risen as time has gone on.

4. Web- site

There is a new Front Page

The Process will be "Headlines" which can be clicked for further information.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

TAPS

Simon has organised some research into the distance between plots and taps, This is so it can be discussed at the next Pathways Meeting.

HEDGEROW

- There was no formal hedgerow before the Allotment on Northfields Avenue
- We have been offered some free trees but they are not all suitable or usable,
- We are going to reduce the density of the hedgerow by the Radbourne so we can see more easily into the Walk to improve security.

TYRES

There are only a few tyres on the plot and Simon is going to organise the removal.

HALLOWEEN

- 2 large banners 6ft by 3ft.
- Road Closure. Penny is organising forms
- Volunteers still needed
- Children's Workshops the week before.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Wednesday 14th NOVEMBER.