

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY
MINUTES February 10, 2020, 7.30pm, The Forester

Present: Christina Fox, Penny Wark, Tana Scott, Richard Ashcroft, Dominic Small, Emma Payler-Lodge, Jane Morris

Jane Morris was unanimously co-opted to the Committee.

The **minutes** of the previous meeting were agreed. Matters arising:

DS to buy essential tools - pliers, screwdrivers, 2 loppers etc - for tool shed.

CF to complete Accident and near-miss reporting forms.

CF to get drinks licence for Summer open day.

PW to do nearest hospital sign for tool shed, and postcodes for gates.

Chair's report:

Plots rented out: 170A, 165B, 208A.

Plots available: 147/1, 147/4, 227/9, 229/3 and 234A which needs to be measured for GCs.

In the past Pathways sent me a spreadsheet showing who had paid and when. I could then easily see that around 6 plot holders had forgotten to pay or decided to leave and not tell anyone. There were nearly always one or two who had paid but had forgotten to put in their plot reference so that their payment couldn't be identified. It took a few emails and everything was sorted.

On 21st January (over 3 and half months after the start of the allotment year) I received a spreadsheet showing plots in arrears. It is apparent that there are substantial errors in the data. Some of the figures don't make sense... Half plots being in arrears by £120. I've spoken to six plot holders who are in arrears on the spreadsheet – all can prove they have paid and have received the tenancy agreement back from Pathways. Hopefully the quarterly meeting with Pathways will shine some light on the situation.

Three plot holders have moved from Gardening Club plots to half plots after some nudging. I was contacted by a site manager in Acton whose small site may be overshadowed by a 20-story block of flats. Hopefully I gave him some advice that might help them object to such a large development. The Ealing Allotment Partnership committee have also taken on their cause. We now have an online application form. It is very simple - just name and contact details.

TS to measure 234A.

Maintenance

Kevin doing tree work on February 18. Chipper to Mattock Lane.
Bonfire on 234A needed before March 31.

March volunteer day:

Toilet maintenance (guttering, mount solar panel) plus cleaning.

Prune privet.

Sand paths as required.

Weed 229 fruit garden.

Sort out water tank on 223A.

Level path between 238 and 240.

Mulch newly planted hedgerow.

Move table from 227 to 178 (to enable grass seeding.)

Match remaining gazebo frame with awning; dispose of other awnings.

Trim damaged shrub at north end of site.

DS to email JW to ask him to order materials for toilet guttering.

PW/RA to return Hunters marquee.

Secretary's report

London in Bloom seminar, March 31, booked for PW and EP.
Pathways management agreement to be discussed post AGM.
PW and TS attending Pathways meeting 11.2.20.

PW to work with JW re committee@ email.

PW to arrange for JM to have @ealingdean email and access to Google drive.

PW to remove duplication from website re waiting list, currently around 2-3 years.

PW to confirm cross-promotion arrangements with Álvaro.

Treasurer's report

£244 unallocated in 2019-2020 maintenance budget.

Metro bank continue to be uncooperative re reserve account. TS looking at alternatives.

TS to remove CC as account signatory.

TS to research banks re emergency reserve account.

TS/CF to look at GC payments,

Communal plot update

DS to contact Sim re quote and meeting date.

PW/TS to raise issue of ballast for infrastructure with Pathways.

Walpole/Northfields grant spends

PW has ordered chairs from Corido. Delivery 20.3.20.

Committee agreed to buy 1 x 3x6 gazebo, and 3 x 3x3 gazebos, all with walls and heavy duty clips, plus one set of guttering for smaller gazebos. To be stored in shed on 234A.

PW to get best deal for gazebos from Rock Awnings.

Winter site inspection

DS to keep an eye out for shed for 157B.

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Volunteer day.

AOB

Christina's events team to include FB (Social media), Terry and SC.

CF/EP to look at siting Halloween storage polytunnel on 234A.

RA to sell donated shredder on eBay, or other site.

Next meeting: Monday March 9, 7.30pm, The Forester