

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY
MINUTES January 20 2020, 7.30pm, The Grosvenor

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

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

PW to redesign allotment application form, CF to brief.

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

CF to provide Accident log book.

RA to talk to Celia, and email completed R and R document to committee.

Chair's report:

Four gardening clubs rented out: 147/2, 227/4, 227/5, 229/3.

Plots available: 147/1, 227/9, 165B, 170A, 208A, GCs on 234A

One plot holder has left due to lack of time. One has moved from a half to a full, another has downsized from a full to a half.

Pathways rent collection appears to be incomplete. We need to ensure that EDAS maintenance money is based on plots rented rather than rental collection.

Maintenance

Mower and strimmer serviced, £153 + £219. Future servicing to be every 2 years. Hedge trimmer to have safety check in 2021.

Silky saw purchased, £48, to be kept in metal shed.

February volunteer day:

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

Reduce and thin privet by 241 to improve security. Privet to be collected on 234A for bonfire at later date.

Sand paths as required.

Weed 240 fruit garden.

Remove sycamore root under water tank on 223A.

March volunteer day: Repair path between 238 and 240.

TS to continue to engage Pathways re willow.. Kevin to email quote.

DS to assess reported dead branch by 195.

TS to mark path between 240 and 238.

DS to order SC's whips from Ashfords.

DS to buy ballast for driveway. Pathways to reimburse.

RA to do maintenance plot bonfire before February 1 volunteer day.

Secretary's report

London in Bloom entry completed. Site to be judged June 15-July 17.

PW to set up committee@ email.

PW to accept offer of 2 refuse bins.

Treasurer's report

£468 unallocated in 2019-2020 maintenance budget.

Halloween 2019 surplus to be confirmed when all expenses submitted. As specified at 2019 AGM, half 2019 open day surplus will go to contingency fund, half to develop communal plot.

*TS to open third account for emergency reserve.
PW to do bank credit check.
CF to look at GC payments.
TS to follow up with Pathways re rent for communal areas.*

Gardening Club plots

Some GC plot holders are reluctant to move to half plots. This means that half plots may go to untested applicants lower in the waiting list.
The committee agreed that GC members are expected to take any available half plot.

CF to talk to 2 long staying GC members.

Communal plot update

Committee met with SF on December 15. Given our budget, he suggested a pagoda style structure with a corrugated metal roof, and using recycled materials where possible. It would sit on concrete pads so it could be moved. He proposes a designated and fenced off vehicle access area using grass grids over hard standing (to support large vehicles) and a service area in front of the sheds.

SF coming back to committee with revised proposal and costings.

PW/TS to raise issue of infrastructure support at Pathways meeting.

Walpole/Northfields grant spends

To comply with ward grants, chairs and gazebos must be purchased by end of March 2020.

*PW to get best deal for chairs from Corido, and order.
CF to get quote for 5 gazebos, including weights and some guttering. Big gazebo to have sides.
Colour: green.*

Winter site inspection

A further non-cultivation letter has been sent.

*CF to talk about concerns with absentee gardener.
DS to keep an eye out for shed for 157B.*

Dates of annual events.

Summer Open day - Sunday July 12, 1-5pm, to be followed by plot holder BBQ.
Halloween - Saturday October 31, 2.30-6.30pm.

Newsletter contents

PW to pass on event dates; plus looking for fruit garden volunteer; availability of coffee grounds.

AOB

*Committee to look at siting Halloween storage polytunnel on 234A.
PW to ask JM to nominate donation for shredder.*

Next meeting: Monday February 10, 7.30pm, The Forester

