

# **EALING DEAN ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY**

## **MINUTES of meeting, 4pm 21 March 2021 (on zoom)**

**Present:** Penny Wark, Jane Morris, Richard Ashcroft, Tana Scott, Dominic Small, Jon Wilkins

### **Plots Rented / Available**

- The site is fully rented; the waiting list remains in excess of 200 and is growing each month

### **Maintenance Tasks**

- April volunteer day can now be held (provided there is a government go-ahead), as it will be safe within the introduction of the 'rule of six' meeting outdoors
- **PW and JM to change gate notices with new government advice in place**
- Hospitality can include hot water for drinks, individually wrapped cakes with hand sanitiser available. People encouraged to gather in groups of no more than six.
  
- Tasks include a first mow and trim
- If deciduous woodchip is available, this needs barrowing to mulch hedgerow
- Works to prepare 227 area for new shed. JM has circulated shed dimensions – investigation needed of suitable base material.
  
- No skip needed in April. Review in June.

### **End of Financial Year**

- Any outstanding claims need to be submitted
- Olena Chilton has indicated she is willing to do the accounts
- The Futures Fund is to be transferred to a Nationwide account in the next financial year as circumstances allow

### **Structure Permission**

- It was agreed that there should be no cement anywhere on the site
- Plotholders to be encouraged to have conversations with one or (preferably) two committee members ahead of starting any structures
- PW to come up with a revised form of words to adjust structure permission letter and circulate

### **Gardening Club Tenancy Agreement**

- the current GC plots are sublet, but using the form of words from a full tenancy agreement
- it was agreed that we need to have our own document for what is a sub-lease
- PW has circulated some suggested revisions – committee members are asked to read this and reply with any further suggestions
- It was agreed that GC plots should be let for a fixed period, which could be non-renewable if not cultivated to a required standard. Care will be needed for such criteria to be fair, consistent and objective.
- PW to contact [NAS](#) for any suggestions about suitable legal specialists who might undertake this work
- GC plots can continue to be let under the present system in the mean time

### **Surplus Food Donation and Collection**

Ealing Allotment Partnership has identified organisations that can receive surplus food donations. We would like to set up a trial system to be part of this, where volunteers collect food and take it to such organisations. This is good not only as a right thing to do, but also good to be seen to be part of the community food supply.

### **Summer Open Day**

- Committee to review the possibilities of a July open day at the May meeting
- Christina needs at least a month's notice of any possible open day so as to prepare for possible banners, fliers, bbqs etc

**Mailchimp to Plotolders** The following to be included:

- April volunteer day
- Early May plot inspections
- Rule of six – more people to be allowed on each plot

The toilets will remain closed for a few more months, after which volunteers will be recruited and a suitable system put in place.

### **Website Update**

The meeting for this is set up for 25 March.