

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY

MINUTES August 12 2019, 7.30pm, The Grosvenor

Present: Christina Fox, Penny Wark, Tana Scott, Richard Ashcroft, Navroz Chandan

Apologies for absence: Emma Payler-Lodge, Dominic Small

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

TS/SC will continue to measure plots/check boundaries as plots change hands.

Walpole and Northfield wards have each committed to giving £1,000 to EDAS for a marquee and wooden chairs respectively.

Prospective marquee is being planned and priced.

CF to redesign allotment application form.

CF to buy essential tools.

CF to put Accident log book with First Aid kit (JW has gate postcodes).

CF to research H&S practice at Council allotments.

RA to follow up Colin Bibra sponsorship offer.

Chair's report:

Plots rented out: 195A, 226A

CF reported on meeting with Pathways and Haslemere committee. This covered maintenance money, asbestos removal by Pathways, proposed deposit scheme, 3 strikes and out non cultivation (plot holders to be consulted), absentee gardeners. Pathways confirmed that non plot holders should not have site keys.

Committee continues to address absentee gardening.

Maintenance

September 7 volunteer day tasks: Rubbish from maintenance plot to skip; Installing plastic grids in main path; Radbourne Walk – strim, bramble check/cut back; Cut privet inside Meena's plot; Move poo bins from 229 to 178B.

DS to check size of minimum order for plastic path grids, price of turf and delivery charge.

EP to merge 2 maintenance schedules.

TS to measure/check boundary at rear of 178A.

Secretary's report

TS to check with independent auditor re revised AGM timeline.

PW/RA to sort out committee@ email.

Treasurer's report

Site management account balance, August 12 2019: £2552.95

TS to circulate Summer Open day takings.

Theft

Following years of persistent fruit theft on the site, the committee is working with Pathways to address this.

Revision of guidelines

The committee discussed the guidelines and made some small but thoughtful changes. These will be shared with Haslemere. Pathways will send the revised guidelines to ploholders with their tenancy renewal notices.

Website/Social media

CF to send EP list of winning plots.

EP to put pictures of winning plots on website.

RA to talk with JW re changing website name to Northfields Allotments.

CF to close Twitter account.

CF to get social media passwords from IB and pass to KA.

DS to contact IB re changing FB page name to Friends of Northfields Allotments.

Bees

CF drafting letter re selling honey.

TS drafting bee agreement.

Halloween

CF to set up September Halloween planning meeting for team leaders.

EP to buy washable plastic plates.

Cultivating Ealing

Judges second visit was July 28.

Newsletter contents

PW to advise of plot holders BBQ on September 1, 4.30 via Facebook and gate notices.

PW to send September newsletter: 3 strikes and out consultation; toilet etiquette.

AOB

PW to draft email re absentee gardening

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