

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY
MINUTES December 7 2019, 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 arrange quarterly meetings with Pathways.

CF to redesign allotment application form

DS to buy essential tools - pliers, screwdrivers etc - for tool shed. Plus 12 inch Silky saw to be kept elsewhere.

CF to put Accident log book with First Aid kit (Jon W has gate postcodes)

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

Chair's report:

Three GC Plots rented out.

4 GC Plots available.

The winter site survey was completed and it was great to see so many plots being prepared for the winter. This must be the quickest survey we've done, taking us just half a day. Which shows that there has been a great improvement in plot maintenance over the years.

I have asked Pathways for the spreadsheet showing unpaid plots. They did say that several people had paid and not used a bank reference.

In the first week of December a plot holder mentioned that they had still not received any paperwork from Pathways. I wrote to Pathways on her behalf.

Maintenance

DS will do maintenance schedule for next volunteer day.

Chain saw not being used but to be kept for another year to assess its viability.

Path between 240 and 238 in poor state. Possible task for volunteer day.

SC will work on Mattock Lane Corner of hedgerow. SC has also suggested appropriate plants for hedgerow.

TS to email Yasmin at Pathways re willow identified as dangerous.

DS to prune small willows by 193.

DS to buy 2 bags of sharp sand for paths.

DS to research servicing for mower, strimmer, hedge cutter.

TS to mark path between 240 and 238.

Secretary's report

PW to sort out committee@ email.

PW to put Bee agreement on website.

PW to change Forester booking for January meeting.

PW to do waiting list form for recruitment on volunteer day.

PW to register for London in Bloom.

Treasurer's report

Maintenance budget aspirations identified: equipment servicing, tree pruning, grass grids for main path.

PW to re-do AGM timeline giving auditor 5 weeks.

TS and CF to check GC payments complete.

Communal plot

SF has provided images of an oak framed gazebo. Committee to meet him on site at 3pm on Sunday December 15. Discussion to cover costings and possible hard standing for large vehicles.

The committee agreed that lighting for future open days can be simple battery lights.

Walpole/Northfields grant spends

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

PW to send details of sustainable wood chairs to committee.

CF to get quote for 5 gazebos, including weights and some guttering. Big gazebo to have sides.

Colour: green.

Winter site inspection

The plot holder who received a non cultivation letter has given up the plot.

CF, EP and PW to talk about concerns with five plot holders.

DS to keep an eye out for shed.

Newsletter contents

PW to advise about large vehicle access to site, and add to website.

AOB

Large vehicle access - committee to consider sign to mark edge of drive.

CF will be supported by a deputy in putting on future events.

Committee to stake out maintenance plot to establish whether room for polytunnel to store Halloween displays.

Next meeting: Monday January 20, 7.30pm, The Forester