

EALING DEAN ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. TUESDAY 14TH JULY 19.30

PRESENT: Crispin Harris, Simon Coleman, Jon Wilkins. Christina Fox , Hilary Wright, Mardien Drew

Apologies from Kim Thompsett and Christine Charles.

SECTION A

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were accepted and the points arising are noted in the various reports apart from:

- *On Volunteer Days Parking is suspended*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairs report – July 2015

Inspected plot 244 and 157B with Christine – sent non cultivation email and letter.

No work was done on either plot so termination letters were sent.

Plots rented out:		Plots available:	
157B	168A	158B	
244A	244B		

Mr Sango Plot 158B has given up as he is too ill to carry on.

Met with plot-holder 236B had a long discussion about the traffic noise and pollution. She was also unhappy about the hedgerow clearance. I showed her plot 157B and 158B – she agreed to move to 158B which is quieter and gets less off-road pollution. However, she emailed a week later to say she had changed her mind.

Let the Skip in and removed hedgerow rubbish bags with Dominic and Birgit.

Plot-holder 175A had again been seen using a hosepipe. I had verbally warned him several months ago – that hosepipes were not allowed. So, I sent him a final warning that he must not use a hosepipe or his tenancy will be terminated.

Email to Plot 160 about children running around unsupervised.

Attended council meeting about the SpaceHive crowdsourcing fundraising for the Radbourne. The rules were changed from a share of £650,000 for three projects – to two projects receiving £100,000 and three other projects (including us) to receive £5,000 towards a crowdsourcing campaign. However, they still expect us to do the project as first outlined.

I emailed all plot holders to see if any of them were interested in running the crowdsourcing campaign and Natalie Roberts plot 226B has agreed to take on the task. Simon and I will be meeting with her to help her get started. The council are also running a workshop on crowdsourcing which she will attend.

Met with plot-holder 204 regarding his trees and second non-cultivation letter. He is obviously not happy about having to remove the trees he planted. I told him we had discussed what number of trees were allowed. I also explained that the oak tree counted as one of the trees. We had agreed at the committee meeting that 25% of the plot can be trees (at maturity). I have asked that he split up the 25% between both halves of his plot. So that if it is ever divided into two halves. We do not end up with a half plot that is 50% trees.

I also visited Paddock Allotments as part of the NGS (National Garden Scheme) to see what they do on their open day. They had a plant sale and tea and cake – but that was all. They had no activities for children. But, I only saw two children the whole time we were there.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Bank Account has £3989.89 in it.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

MAINTENANCE REPORT AND UP-DATES

- Volunteer day was very successful. "Boundary Clearance" and rubbish
- (on-going) Simon has decided which Volunteer days will be "Allotment" and which "Radbourne Walk" These will be on the calendar.
- Volunteer for Open Day; clearing rubbish etc.
- Shed 170B as a temporary "comfort station"
- Vintage Tool board made. Tools fixed with cable ties and placed in front of metal recycling area

JON'S REPORT

Web-site has been up-graded.

Articles to be added e.g. how to clear a plot of weeds.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is non cultivation? Christina has created a document to be added in to the Best Practice document.
2. Can we use pumps in dip tanks? No because of the interruption of water flow for other people. However fine for people's own tanks with water collected from roofs.
3. Letters of Appreciation / Thanks. It is important that the Committee acknowledges all the good positive things on the site as well as the monitoring of negative things. Christine is ideally placed for this.

OPEN DAY PLANNING

Christina is going to send out an e-mail to ask for help and expertise for the Open Day.

- Allotment awards to give people an incentive to visit a variety of plots
- Banners have been created by Dominique (?) and they are very classy. The design available for notices as well.
- Certificates to be created.

AOB

- Christina sold a trailer for £35

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th August i.e before the Open Day. Time and place tbc.