

## BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Date & Time: -	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2011 – 11:00 AM
Location	The Shop, Bushy Park Allotments
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt (Secretary)
Present: -	Phil Iddison (Chairman), Jenny Bevan (Treasurer), committee members and 28 other plotholders
Apologies: -	Chris Pickard, Ted Leppard
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Peter Lewis

Item	Minute	Action by
1	<b>AGM of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010</b> The minutes were agreed. Proposed by Brian Blasdel and seconded by John Whitby.	
2	<b>Chairman's report</b> The Chairman referred to his written report available to all plotholders, along with the latest newsletter and accounts. He requested that all plotholders please pass to or check their email addresses with Patsy Iddison. He particularly drew attention to the efforts being made by the committee to welcome new members and get them started.	
3	<b>Treasurer's report</b> The Treasurer referred to the published accounts. No queries were raised and the accounts were accepted by the meeting. She noted that the shop profits funded the barbeque. There was a vote of thanks to Guiseppe de Vai for his sterling work in managing the shop and providing much of the events catering. The Chairman reported that there would be some refurbishment of the kitchen during the winter and that a pergola would be erected outside the shop; this would normally be used for parking but would provide a dry area for use during events if wet.	
4	<b>Secretary's report</b> The Secretary reminded plotholders that the minutes of all committee meetings were put on the main notice boards along with any other notices. Additional notice boards were now mounted on the entrance gates. The minutes would in future also be distributed by e-mail.	
5	<b>Election of the committee</b> The Chairman reported that all committee members had volunteered to stand for another year and proposed they be re-elected. This was agreed by the meeting. He said that the committee always welcomed new members and were particularly seeking a representative for plots at the southern end. Vicky Phillips (plot 254) volunteered and this was agreed by the meeting.	
6	<b>Any other business</b> Several topics were raised: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Chairman requested suggestions from plotholders on what the shop should stock; there was a suggestion book in the shop;</li> <li>2) He reported that the rubbish bins would go on 17<sup>th</sup> November and the plot by the vehicle gate cleared by Community Service to enable it to be let; he agreed to put up notices advising that all rubbish must be disposed of off site;</li> </ol>	PI

	<p>3) The persistent problem with dumping and break-ins was discussed and whether the existing keys and locks could be replaced both because of this and because they wear and become difficult to use; the Chairman said this had been frequently discussed at committee meetings but key control is extremely difficult; he agreed to discuss this with Pete Lewis and also to check on the Royal Parks police patrols if any;</p> <p>4) Brian Basdell asked about the latest position on devolution and the Chairman advised that the BPAA committee did not support this for the large Bushy Park site but that some other sites had shown interest; the Council's attitude is not yet clear;</p> <p>5) In response to queries the Chairman advised that the Council was responsible for the locks and the water supply but the walls etc. were the responsibility of the Royal Parks; he confirmed that the water would be switched off during the winter. There was a request that contact details for those responsible for what be posted on the notice board;</p> <p>6) He advised that any problems with invoices or payments should be referred to the Council;</p> <p>7) He advised that we had received a questionnaire from a wildlife organisation. The committee will respond and there may be an opportunity for those interested to participate in workshops;</p> <p>8) Plotolders thought it would be useful to have a BPAA website; Matthew Linden, a plotholder, who is a website designer, offered to assist and he will discuss this with the Chairman; and</p> <p>9) Plotolders advised there were other potential sources for manure in Chessington, but they have no lorry, and Hampton Court.</p>	<p>PI</p> <p>RH</p> <p>SS</p> <p>ML/PI</p>
7	The meeting closed at 11.45 with a vote of thanks to the Committee and this was followed by a seed swop.	