

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING
Date & Time: -	26 th January – 11:00 AM
Location	The Shop, Bushy Park Allotments
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt
Present: -	Phil Iddison (Chairman), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Jenny Bevan (Treasurer), Christina Aston, Bryan Basdell, Chris Pickard, Vicky Phillips, Shelagh Secola, Giuseppe de Vai, John Whitby, Cleve West
Apologies: -	Ray Brown
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis

Item	Minute	Action by
1	Meeting of 24th November 2013 The minutes were agreed.	
2	Outstanding Actions The valve covers will be installed once the weather improves. Action continues.	JW/PI
3	Finance The Treasurer's report was circulated and there was a current balance of £1423.01. We have now received from the Council £400 for rubbish removal and £100 for the filming. The shop accounts for 2012/3 were circulated at the meeting showing a modest surplus of £55.	
4	Events The following dates were confirmed for this year: Spring Open Day and Plant Sale: 10 th May Summer Open Day: 19 th July Autumn Festival: 6 th September BBQ and AGM: 11 th October (to be confirmed nearer the time) The year's committee meetings are to be held on 30 th March, 18 th May, 27 th July, 28 th September, 30 th November and 25 th January 2015.	
5	The Shop GdeV reported that the shop is shortly being restocked with a delivery from Chapmans.	GdeV
6	Liaison with the Council PI reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four plots are likely to get a final letter as a follow-up to their October letter; At the last viewing all 9 newcomers joined; the next viewing was set for Saturday 1st March when there should be up to 10 plots available; Henry has received a quote of around £400 for ten tons of scalplings for the track repairs. PI will request the Council to pay this as the damage to the track was largely caused by the works for the new water system. We will then get the BTCV volunteers to carry out the work at our expense under our supervision including hiring a compactor; and PL has thanked the BPAA committee for all we do. 	All PI
7	Communications VP reported that Yung Chai has now set up the website, but we are still really waiting on him. He has requested a meeting with RH/VP/PI. VP to email.	VP

	PI has received requests that the newsletter be accompanied by the committee minutes and so future newsletters will be sent out with the minutes. The next will include a note on thefts and PI requested input on other topics. The following letter will include reference to stream dangers.	All
	<p>Community Area</p> <p>A decision on what to do about the slabs is awaiting better weather.</p> <p>CW advised the new fruit trees will arrive by the end of February. He will then remove or rearrange the existing trees. He will advise JB on costs.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>CW</p>
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>JW proposed we fit a new hardwood side door to the shop. This was agreed.</p> <p>PI reported on the BRAG meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The devolvment issue will not go away. PI has circulated a schedule of issues around the sites and received 9 replies. The issues for BPAA were discussed; • a BRAG meeting will be held with David Allister to resuscitate the allotment steering group; and • Rents are going up 5.2% this year; he will be making representations at the next Environment Committee meeting on 27th January. <p>PI is to issue a new area representatives map. We will approach plotholders in the area he presently covers to see if someone from that area will represent it on the committee.</p> <p>PI considered that managing the issue and return of cups and certificates was proving a nightmare and suggested we went for certificates only as this would be easier. This was met with limited enthusiasm but SS will investigate the options.</p> <p>PI reported that the Council would like some new photographs from each site and so suggested we organise a photo competition via the newsletter. This was agreed with both adult and children categories.</p>	<p>JW/GdeV</p> <p>PI</p> <p>SS</p>
	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will be held at the shop at 11.00 a.m. on 30th March 2014.</p>	