

# BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING
Date & Time: -	28th July 2013 – 11:00 AM
Location	The Shop, Bushy Park Allotments
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt
Present: -	Phil Iddison (Chairman), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Chris Pickard, Guiseppe de Vai, Shelagh Secola, John Whitby, Cleve West
Apologies: -	Jenny Bevan (Treasurer), Ray Brown, Christina Aston, Vicky Phillips, Ted Leppard
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Peter Lewis

Item	Minute	Action by
1	<b>Meeting of 2nd June 2013</b> The minutes were agreed.	
2	<b>Outstanding Actions</b> Actions from the last meeting had been progressed as follows: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The valve covers are still to be installed, the priority will be the open covers on the main track;</li> <li>- The Council has agreed to pay JW for the water repairs during the winter and he will be reimbursed by the BPAA for other items; and</li> <li>- SS reported that most chickens were well-kept but there were some exceptions. She agreed to provide a draft note on livestock keeping which could be added to the introductory pack and circulated as necessary. CW noted that one plothead was planning to keep turkeys and other fowl and PI will alert Pete Lewis.</li> <li>- The summerhouse is yet to be treated.</li> </ul>	JW/PI PI SS PI
3	<b>Finance</b> The Treasurer's report was circulated and there was a current balance of £852.32. The July Open Day had been a success and made around £360 to add to this balance.	
4	<b>Events</b> The next event is the Autumn Festival on 7 <sup>th</sup> September and it was agreed that 'Jam Today, Jam Tomorrow' could have a stall. Based on recent experience it was agreed to reduce the number of competitions to Best Modern Plot, Best Traditional Plot and Best Newcomer with a competition for flowers and produce on the day with entrants asked to bring a display no bigger than 500mmx300mm. Judging the plots will be based on recommendations from committee members for their area to be made this week, followed by a final judging two weeks before the event by SS and GdeV. RH to draft a notice. The new BBQ will be trialled at the event. It was proposed there be a discretionary Chairman's award to be given at either the Autumn Festival or the AGM to someone who has been of particular help. The AGM/BBQ was set for the 12 <sup>th</sup> October.	All SS/GdeV RH
5	<b>The Shop</b> GdeV reported that the shop had been doing very well.	
6	<b>Liaison with the Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The next showround for new starters will be in September.</li> <li>b) PI will compile a list of neglected plots to be inspected by RB and RH for submission to the Council.</li> </ul>	

	c) JW requested notices be removed saying that water issues should be referred to him as this is now entirely the responsibility of the Council.	RH
7	<b>Communications</b> a) RH reported that the website material is being transferred by Yung to a site address set up by VP. It will then need further development by RH	RH
8	<b>Community Area</b> PI considered this will be the next long-term project. The first decision is whether to continue regular weed killer use between the paving slabs or to re-lay on a concrete base.	
9	<b>Any Other Business</b> a) JW noted that the Royal Charter states that 'nothing is to be visible above the wall' but some ploholders are contravening this. PI to check with PL. b) Thefts of fruit have been again reported to the committee. Motion detection cameras were discussed. RH to put up a notice alerting ploholders.	PI  RH
10	<b>Next meeting</b> The next meeting will be held at the shop at 11.00 a.m. on a revised date of 6 <sup>th</sup> October.	