

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	18 th May 2014– 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, Ray Brown, Vicky Phillips, Shelagh Secola, Giuseppe de Vai, John Whitby,	
Apologies: -	Bryan Basdell, Chris Pickard, Cleve West	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	Meeting of 13th April 2014 The minutes were agreed.	
2	Outstanding Actions JW has spoken to PL who proposed the holes just be filled in but it was agreed to fit the valve covers to retain access to the valves. This might be carried out on the Volunteers' Day.	JW/PI
3	Finance The Treasurer reported the current balance as £1654.04. The Open Day raised £452.17 but some bills (approx £120) are still outstanding.	
4	Events A vote of thanks was given to Julie, John and Pedro for their services at the Spring Open Day. RH will put up a notice for the next Open Day and PI will request help from ploholders in the next newsletter. The competitions proposed at the last meeting were reviewed and confirmed as: Best plot – traditional – winner and commendations Best plot – modern – winner and commendations Best newcomer plot Scarecrow – open to children only Photos – with one open category and one for under 12s Best plot judging to be in mid-July with plots being put forward by Area Reps and final judging by GdeV/SS. Scarecrow judging to be just prior to the Autumn Open Day. PI agreed to accept entries by email. After some discussion it was agreed there would be no cups but certificates and vouchers – for the shop for adults and Squires for children. JB to organise.	RH/PI All/GdeV/SS JB
5	The Shop GdeV reported that the shop is doing well.	GdeV
6	Liaison with the Council PI reported that he had yet to carry out his final inspection which would then	

	<p>be followed by the inspection by PL and issue of letters where necessary.</p> <p>PI is still to contact the Council about replacing the existing speed restriction sign with one showing 5mph and to request the Council provide a new plastic cover for the north car park notice board.</p>	<p>PI</p> <p>PI</p>
7	<p>Communications</p> <p>It was suggested the next newsletter include reference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Jam today, jam tomorrow' news sheets and website; • bees; and • the new BPAA website. <p>VP/RH reported they had continued to develop the website along the lines proposed at the last meeting.</p>	<p>PI</p> <p>VP/RH</p>
8	<p>Community Area</p> <p>No action has been taken on the slabs, but Sainsbury John had cleared the weeds and was given a vote of thanks.</p> <p>Someone is needed to mow the lawn in CW's absence. RH volunteered if there was a lawnmower available.</p>	<p>JW</p>
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>PI reported that the BRAG constitution had been agreed by the members and forwarded to David Allister at the Council. RH has put it up on the notice board. BPAA is entitled to send two members to BRAG meetings. It was agreed these would be PI accompanied by either RH or VP.</p> <p>PI reported that BRAG representatives met with Zac Goldsmith who supported the involvement of the Site Representatives in drafting a new allotment strategy by the Borough.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask the new local councillors to the Open Day.</p> <p>RB noted that many ploholders were giving part of their plots to friends enabling them in a way to circumvent the waiting list. PI noted that the Council did not mind such sharing and so there was little we could do about it. If it meant that the plot was fully cultivated it was a benefit.</p> <p>CA asked what could be done to reinstate pathways where they had disappeared into plots. PI stated that maintenance was a regular issue and provided there was access along one full edge of the plot, the absorption of paths actually increased the cultivated area and reduced the path maintenance burden.</p> <p>PI agreed to organise a woodchip delivery.</p>	<p>PI</p> <p>RH</p> <p>PI</p>
	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will be held at the shop at 11.00 a.m. on 27th July 2014.</p>	<p>All</p>