

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	28 th September 2014– 11:00 AM	
Location	The Community Area, Bushy Park Allotments	
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt	
Present: -	Chris Pickard (Meeting Chair), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Jenny Bevan (Treasurer), Christina Aston, Ray Brown, Bryan Basdell, Vicky Phillips, Shelagh Secola	
Apologies: -	Phil Iddison, Giuseppe de Vai, Cleve West, John Whitby	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	Meeting of 27th July 2014 The minutes were agreed.	
2	Outstanding Actions RH is to pursue noticeboard replacement with Pete Lewis.	RH
3	Matters arising from the recent Council meeting SS reported that a positive and conciliatory meeting was held with the Council following the open committee meeting. PI had summarised the meeting in his email of 10 September. SS stated the Council were happy to share the complaints procedure and we agreed to keep a record of spurious complaints by one specific plotholder, whom the Council agreed to meet and if necessary offer a plot on another site. SS stated that the Council will apologise to GdeV. It is not clear whether this has happened and RH will check with PL so the position is clear prior to the AGM. JB pointed out that recent events had led to a degree of disillusion in our Chairman. Given his importance to the success of the Association it was agreed that RH would liaise with him to compile a list of his activities to see if at least some could be undertaken by others.	RH RH
4	Finance The Treasurer reported that he finances were quite healthy and the current balance stood at £1399.15. The annual reports for the main and shop accounts have been prepared and posted on the notice boards.	
5	Events The AGM will be held on 11 th October with a barbecue and seed swop. The Competition awards will also be made, which this year will be Squires vouchers for first prizes and certificates for others. PI/SS had issued a list of candidates for competition winners and this was agreed. All plots listed will receive certificates to encourage plotholders. RH to contact PL to identify names of 'best newcomer' plotholders. JB to prepare prizes and certificates. It was noted that winners from the previous year had yet to receive their certificates. Area representatives will alert those listed in their area with a notice on their plot to encourage their attendance at the AGM. CP and SS advise they would be away for the AGM. It was agreed that we needed a list of tasks for the Volunteer Day. All are to suggest items to RH by email, who will compile. It was also agreed to make this a weekend so people could come on either day and this was set for 8 th /9 th November. It will be publicised at the AGM.	RH JB All All/RH

6	The Shop The future operation and management of the shop is unclear and cannot be resolved until after the AGM. BB advised that we need to regularise arrangements and more thought is required regarding opening times and manning arrangements.	
7	Liaison with the Council It was agreed that the Council would be advised that BPAA were willing to monitor overnight parking and alert the Council if this became a nuisance. RH to advise PL. It was agreed the next viewing date would be 18 th October and RH will alert Pete Lewis.	RH RH
8	Communications PI has recently issued his newsletter and, as requested, paper copies have been placed in the boxes. The take up will be monitored. RH is to update the website to include the Volunteer Weekend and future operation of the shop. He advised that anyone could post comments on to the website; these are then moderated by RH before they appear to eliminate inappropriate material.	RH
9	Community Area Clear up of the community area is one issue for the Volunteer Weekend.	
10	Any Other Business It was agreed to award two Community Awards at the AGM to Guiseppe and Henry. It was agreed to proceed with occasional scrap metal collections, whereby Tania Dangerfield would organise perhaps once or twice a year for a merchant to appear at the South car park at a specific date and time for ploholders to bring any scrap metal or arrange for its collection. There is some concern that dumping may occur so this will be monitored. JB reported that the Pool had complained about overhanging ivy obscuring their banners and we agreed they could cut this back on their side. RB and others requested a woodchip delivery and RH will approach PL.	RH
11	Next meeting The next Committee Meeting will be held at the shop at 11.00 a.m. on 30 th November 2014.	All