

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	31 st May 2015 – 10.30 AM	
Location	The Shop, Bushy Park Allotments	
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt	
Present: -	Phil Iddison(Chairman), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Jenny Bevan (Treasurer), Christina Aston, Steph Bateman, Bryan Basdell, Chris Pickard , Vicky Phillips, Giuseppe de Vai, Cleve West, John Whitby,Shelagh Secola, Maria Casey	
Apologies: -	Joe Ambaye, Ray Brown	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	Meeting of 29th March 2015 The minutes were agreed.	
2	Finance The Treasurer reported that the Open Day had been very successful and a cheque had been given to the Nepal Earthquake appeal for £1100. The current balance thus stood at £1487.28.	
3	Events 1) It was agreed the recent Open Day had been very well supported. VP reported that she had delivered any left over plants to Strawberry Hill House, who were very grateful and would sell them at their fair today. 2) RH reported that arrangements had now been fixed with the RHS for a visit by their Fruit, Vegetable and Herb committee on Sunday 26 th July. This will comprise a walk around at 2.30 pm followed by a tea break and a Question and Answer session at 4.30 pm, finishing around 5.30 pm. 3) The judging for the competitions for the September Open Day was reviewed. The best plot and best newcomer plot will be judged by MC and SS, the photos by VP and Derek Heath, the sunflowers by JB.	
4	The Shop Nothing to report.	
5	Liaison with the Council PI had chased the Council on a number of issues: 1) The inspections with the Council had been completed. Plot 65A is being given up again. Plots 257A/258A remain a problem. 2) No progress had been made on the notice board replacement. 3) There had been no action yet on the rat problem. 4) It was still unclear who was responsible for the south fence. It was noted there was a build-up of debris now on the Pool side. 5) The concealed entrance sign was being progressed but PI requested direct evidence. It was understood Rita had seen a recent incident. It was requested that the installation of mirrors be reconsidered although the council had rejected this in the past. 6) 6 plots are vacant to which plot 30A should be added. It was agreed to offer a viewing day on 21 st June. VP reported on the latest position on livestock. She said the Council had now registered the problem and will introduce and enforce new standards. She circulated a copy. These largely address poultry as it is envisaged this is all that will be kept. The Council will deliver a copy of the standards to all those	

	keeping livestock and VP is compiling a list of current plots with livestock. In future ploholders must make a request to the Council to keep livestock. Compliance with the standards comes into force on 1 st September. The committee agreed that the keeping of any other livestock on site would not be considered nor sanctioned until the welfare concerns about fowl and poultry has been fully addressed and sustained.	
6	Communications PI is to issue a newsletter in around 2 weeks. RH to supply text on competitions and the RHS visit.	PI RH
7	Community Area The planters have been planted up and, weather permitting, a clear-up of the area will be undertaken at the close of the meeting. [post meeting note - some clear up in the parking areas was done by tenants who had volunteered to help but the weather was not conducive to further effort]	
8	Any Other Business 1) PI has the 5 mph signs so these could now be installed. 2) John Wade now checks the toilet on a regular basis and has organised cleaning materials. A pump repair is needed. PI to contact PL.	PI
9	Next meeting The next Committee Meeting will be held at the shop at 11.00 a.m. on 26 th July 2015.	All