

# BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	26 <sup>th</sup> July 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, Chris Pickard , Vicky Phillips, Giuseppe de Vai, Cleve West, John Whitby, Shelagh Secola, Maria Casey	
Apologies: -	Joe Ambaye, Bryan Basdell, Ray Brown	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	<p><b>Meeting of 31st May 2015</b></p> <p>The minutes were agreed. Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that the overgrown areas of plots 257A/258A need to be cleared before any progress can be made, perhaps a subject for the next volunteer day.</li> <li>VP reported that PL had sent out letters to all those with livestock at Bushy Park except two with queries. Plotolders in question were identified at the meeting. PL had not progressed the issue at other sites but these do not have the same problems.</li> </ul>	
2	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the current balance stood at £1269.03, following the purchase of rat traps and associated expenses. A cheque has now been received from the Council for the cost of the rat traps.</p>	
3	<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>1) RH reported that the RHS visit in the afternoon was going ahead despite the current heavy rain unless he heard otherwise from them. [Post-meeting note: 4 members of the RHS Fruit and Vegetable committee did visit and an interesting afternoon was had by all present].</p> <p>2) SS, CA, RH and JW will not be available for the September Open Day. SS and MC requested nominations for best plot and best newcomer plot by area representatives by 8<sup>th</sup> August. [Post-meeting note: PI supplied a list of newcomer plots]. No entries have yet been received for the photo competition. JB requested entries for the sunflower competition by 8<sup>th</sup> August, but RH noted the that the current notice said 15<sup>th</sup> August.</p>	
4	<p><b>The Shop</b></p> <p>GdeV reported a quieter month, but funds were good.</p>	
5	<p><b>Liaison with the Council</b></p> <p>The complaints letter to the Council from the plotholder in dispute was discussed and it was agreed to prepare a written response. PI will initiate this and then circulate for others to contribute.</p> <p>PI reported no progress on the notice board replacement, south fence ownership and concealed entrance sign.</p> <p>PI reported that PL has asked us to look after the toilet, but PI will insist the Council carry out the repair. It was agreed to award this year's Community Award to John Wade for his sterling efforts in keeping the toilet clean and his general work across the site.</p> <p>There was no news on rumours that someone wished to keep rabbits.</p>	PI

6	<b>Communications</b> PI is to issue a newsletter shortly. He then plans 4 per year.	PI
7	<b>Community Area</b> A number of raised beds are now available. It was suggested we might acquire a shed for the holders of these to store tools in.	
8	<b>Any Other Business</b> 1) JW reported he was obtaining quotations for two options for the repair of the southern part of the main track. 2) He also reported that the low water pressure recently had partly been due to problems at Thames Water, but also to ploholders leaving hoses attached for long periods with the water turned on. He will put up the Council notices again forbidding this practice. 3) PI reported that PL had advised him that there were police cadets looking for things to do but they had no tools. 4) VP advised that she had quite a lot of spare stuff (netting etc.) which could be offered to others for free and suggested we could set up some way of advertising and swapping unwanted goods. RH to explore putting something on the website and for the next newsletter.	JW JW RH
9	<b>Next meeting</b> The next Committee Meeting will be held at the shop at 10.30 a.m. on 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2015, followed by a Volunteer Day.	All