

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	6 th December 2015 – 10.00 AM	
Location	The Shop, Bushy Park Allotments	
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt	
Present: -	Phil Iddison(Chairman), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Jenny Bevan (Treasurer), Christina Aston, Joe Ambaye, Bryan Basdell, Vicky Phillips, Giuseppe de Vai, John Whitby, Shelagh Secola,	
Apologies: -	Steph Bateman, Ray Brown, Chris Pickard, Cleve West, Maria Casey	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	<p>Meeting of 27th September 2015 and AGM of 12th October</p> <p>The minutes were agreed. The actions were reviewed as follows:</p> <p>1) It was agreed not to pursue the notice board replacement for now.</p> <p>2) VP reported that there were some gaps in the south fence visible in winter. As ownership of this fence is still unclear, PI to follow-up with Council/Royal Parks.</p> <p>3) PI is to look at how the site areas could be divided more equitably between committee members so that most have somewhere to look after.</p> <p>4) For those wanting a more active role, it was initially suggested that someone could volunteer to look after the Community Area or be responsible for the rubbish clearance after open days.</p> <p>5) Manure is now being delivered from Hampton stables and PI will check on the woodchip position.</p>	<p>PI</p> <p>PI</p> <p>PI</p>
2	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the current balance stood at £1800.69. It was agreed some be spent on: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ecoplugs weedkiller to kill the stumps of felled trees, , as used by Royal Parks - to replace the side door on the shop and - to replace the barbecue grill plate. 	
3	<p>Events</p> <p>1) The next committee meeting was set for 31st January 2016 to be followed by a viewing for new starters. RH to advise a draft programme of dates for the year.</p> <p>2) It was agreed there should be two Open Days next year. It was requested there be a check up on equipmentclear-up of the shop before each Open Day.</p> <p>[Post-meeting note: Committee meetings provisionally to be held on 31st January, 20th March , 22nd May, 31st July, 25th September, 27th November. Open Days on 7th May and 10th September and the AGM on 8th October.]</p>	
4	<p>The Shop</p> <p>GdeV is away until 18th January so the shop will be closed until then.</p>	
5	<p>Liaison with the Council</p> <p>1) There should be 8 new starters today. Disquiet was again voiced by all that the process for warning letters and evictions was being progressed far too slowly by the Council. Some complained that although the plots were neglected, there was also a particular problem for neighbours where paths were not looked after or neighbouring plots encroached on. PI proposed that</p>	

	<p>a series of photos be taken of the known neglected plots as a record of inactivity to present to the council for action.</p> <p>2) It was noted that the Council had carried out no inspections to ensure the new livestock regulations were adhered to.</p> <p>3) Tction on any outstanding plot disputes was in abeyance. PI noted that the expected high level support from the Council was not forthcoming when issues were raised.</p>	PI
6	<p>Communications</p> <p>Some tools are now for sale in the shop in aid of BPAA funds given by ploholders who had left. This is to be publicised in the newsletter and on the website once the shop reopens.</p>	
7	<p>Community Area</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>1) BB reported that the 3rd Hampton Hill Scouts were very pleased with the event they held using the pizza oven and would like to repeat this next year. This was agreed and it was suggested that they might also help with tidying up the community area.</p> <p>2) It was agreed to renew the RHS affiliation for another year.</p> <p>3) VP reported that she had responded to a survey from the Hampton Society which had not included the allotments as a local amenity and had agreed to being consulted by them.</p>	RH
9	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will be held at the shop at 10.00 a.m. on 31st January 2016 to be followed by a viewing for new starters.</p>	All