

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	31 st January 2016 – 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, Steph Bateman, Cleve West, Maria Casey	
Apologies: -	Ray Brown, Chris Pickard,	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	<p>Meeting of 6th December 2015</p> <p>The minutes were agreed. The actions were reviewed as follows:</p> <p>1) PI has not received feedback from the Council or Royal Parks on ownership of the south fence. VP reported that although there were some gaps visible in winter, there was no evidence this was causing a problem.</p> <p>3) PI presented a chart showing the re-allocation of areas to representatives. His proposal was accepted and it was agreed to adopt this immediately.</p> <p>4) Woodchip deliveries had been made to the north car park, but we need to clear the space at the other car park. MC will check with the stables on organising manure deliveries and locations.</p> <p>5) PI has been in touch with P Lewis regarding providing evidence for evictions of tenants on neglected plots. The proposal is for each area representative to take a sequence of photos over a period showing nothing having been done, to then place these in a Word document with the plot number and send these to PI for forwarding on to the Council, after checking the plot is not already on the vacancy list.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>All</p>
2	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the current balance stood at £1686.99. Recent expenditure included: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ecoplugs weedkiller to kill the stumps of felled trees - Rat bait and - Renewal of our RHS affiliation. 	
3	<p>Events</p> <p>The following dates were confirmed: Committee meetings to be held on 20th March, 22nd May, 31st July, 25th September and 27th November, Open Days on 7th May and 10th September and the AGM on 8th October.</p>	
4	<p>The Shop</p> <p>Nothing to report. A tidy-up will be undertaken when the weather is warmer.</p>	
5	<p>Liaison with the Council</p> <p>1) There should be 10 new starters today.</p> <p>2) PI had reported the problems with the shed theft etc. to the Council and is waiting for them to respond and take action.</p> <p>3) It was noted that the padlock on the vehicle gate had been replaced, but that that on the pedestrian gate was now proving difficult.</p> <p>4) PI reported that the Shacklegate Lane allotment site would be closing in the next few years and it was agreed to welcome their ploholders to Bushy Park when the time comes if vacant plots were available and the ploholder in question had no other plot already.</p>	

	5) PI reported that BRAG still had no chairman, but a small subgroup (including PI) would be meeting the Council soon to discuss outstanding issues.	
6	Communications PI had issued a new newsletter. RH reported that activity on the website was low, but he had been posting all minutes and newsletters.	
7	Community Area GdeV, John and Henry will undertake work on the Community Area including the paved area. PI noted that 4 raised beds were available should any plotholder be finding their plot too much.	
8	Any Other Business The track continues to deteriorate. JW reported that he could find no-one to quote for a full refurbishment. There are two tasks: 1) Repairs to the track itself 2) Defining the boundaries of the track more clearly. No clear way ahead was identified.	
9	Next meeting The next Committee Meeting will be held at the shop on 20 th March 2016.	All