

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION		
Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	30 th July 2017 11.00 a.m.	
Location	Community Area, Bushy Park Allotments	
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt	
Present: -	Giuseppe de Vai (Chairman), Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Vicky Phillips, John Carrig, Maria Casey, Liza Mallah	
Apologies: -	Christina Aston, Khrystyna McPeake Don Eckford, Julie Batten, Bryan Basdell, John Whitby,	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	Meeting of 14th May 2017 In the absence of the Secretary, no minutes were recorded.	
2	Finance As CA was away she submitted a report by email. Our total balance currently stands at £2475.48, including the takings from the May Open Day. GdeV reported that he was unable to visit the Hampton branch of Lloyds during their opening hours, so it was agreed that cheque signatories should be CA and Robin Hewitt. CA had queried some expense claims submitted at the Open Day. GdeV explained that the claims included expenses for the earlier Volunteer Day. It was agreed that all the claims were entirely legitimate and the committee apologised to those affected for any misunderstanding that had arisen.	
3	Events It was noted that the food ran out early at the May Open Day and further supplies had to be fetched. This was partly attributed to the absence of Cleve West and his onion bhajis and partly due to a higher turnout than expected on a day of poor weather. We shall again appeal for cakes etc for the September Open Day. GdeV requested that prior to the day, we hire a skip to get rid of the rubbish accumulating around the shop. MC suggested that either a 'man with a van' or the Council could clear it as this would be more controlled. RH will first investigate whether the Council can do so, possibly at our expense. It was agreed that the AGM would be on Saturday 7 th October and GdeV agreed to prepare a Chairman's Report and chair the meeting. Phil Iddison and Sam Redfern have agreed to judge the Best Plot and Best Newcomer competitions. RH will submit the short list of the area representatives' suggestions, although he noted the list was not yet complete. RH noted that he had also compiled a list of neglected plots and will forward this to the Council. VP suggested that the Committee could make the first approach and RH will clear this with the Council as he understands this happens on other sites.	RH RH RH
4	Liaison with the Council The Council has agreed that plots 257A and 258A cannot be re-let and can be turned into a wildlife area. VP agreed to get BTCV to clear these plots in the autumn. They consider that other plots in very poor condition could be re-let, but the committee was doubtful that newcomers would take them on. RH to ask if they could be let to existing ploholders looking for more space.	VP RH

5	Communications There has been a very positive response to the last newsletter. All were asked if they could contribute to the next and KmcP will be asked to edit.	All
6	Community Area This will need cleaning up before the next Open Day.	All
7	Any Other Business Thefts continue to be reported and CA had suggested some form of CCTV could be implemented. Liza Mallah offered to investigate battery-operated movement-sensing camera systems. The next committee meeting will be held on Sunday 24th September 2017	LM