

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Date & Time: -	28 th September 2019– 11:00 AM
Location	The Shop, Bushy Park Allotments
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt
Present: -	Committee members and plotholders (25 in total)
Apologies: -	Phil Iddison, John Carrig
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, email distribution, website, Pete Lewis
Item	Minute
1	AGM of 6th October 2018 The minutes were agreed.
2	Chairman's report The Chairman (Joseph Ambaye) reported on the current year's activities: (1) Following the Council's total bonfire ban (including incinerators) the committee has been in discussion with the Council officers to agree a way forward. It has been agreed that a communal composting area will be created on plots 33 and 34 which are currently vacant and JA outlined the plans for this to include bins for weeds, wood and metal which will then be emptied by the Council as necessary. The Council will provide the materials if we provide the labour, so we need some plotholders willing to help with this. This scheme was generally welcomed by those present, who were keen to know when this will start. (2) There is a need for clear plot numbering to prevent mistakes being made in plot or plotholder identification. JA brought along a first batch of numbers for plot holders to use. These can be pinned to sheds, but the committee is also looking at the provision of cheap stakes. (3) Two Open Days were held during the year and the committee was extremely grateful for those who helped with both of these, particularly those who organised and carried out the September Day when so many committee members were away. £660 was raised for Shooting Star Hospices. (4) We have supported a number of charities during the year. Plots 257a and 258a are being used by Absolute Support, a charity for young adults with learning disabilities. (5) The Council have been more active in pursuing holders of neglected plots and letting vacant plots recently. We hope this continues.
3	Treasurer's report The Treasurer (Christina Aston) circulated and went through the Association's annual accounts, showing a closing balance of £2596.02. Two queries were raised concerning the shop accounts and the RHS membership fee. The shop accounts are expected in October. Robin Hewitt (Secretary) advised that membership of the RHS meant that we had regular copies of the Garden magazine (held in the shop) and access to advice from RHS specialists. The accounts were agreed.
4	Election of the committee The following members were happy to be re-elected to the committee: Joseph Ambaye, Chris Aston, Bryan Basdell, David Wright, John Carrig, Robin Hewitt and Vicky Phillips. JA appealed for others to join the committee or help with activities and RH

	<p>outlined what was involved.</p> <p>The re-election of these committee members was proposed by Jenny Bevan, seconded by Julie Batten and agreed by the meeting.</p>
5	<p>Competitions</p> <p>No entries were received for the competitions apart from the children's scarecrow and the award was presented to Eva and her friends on plot 269A</p>
6	<p>Any other business</p> <p>A number of new plotholders complained about the amount of rubbish they had inherited on their plots, which the Council refuses to clear. The committee agreed to investigate whether something could be done communally and whether BPAA funds could help in such initial clearance.</p> <p>RH stated that it was his understanding that the Council would remove asbestos, provided this was a one-off event, but the plotholder on 28A had been told the shed would only be removed at the plotholder's expense. RH will clarify this with the Council.</p> <p>Dumping of rubbish and thefts continue to be a problem and JA appealed for vigilance.</p> <p>Erecting large buildings on plots is against the Council's terms and conditions and any issues must be taken up with them.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 12.15 pm.</p>