

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	14 th June 2020 11.00am	
Location	Secretary's garden	
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt	
Present: -	Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Christina Aston (Treasurer), Bryan Basdell, David Wright, Vicky Phillips, Gillian Wilkinson	
Apologies: -	John Carrig	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, website, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	Meeting of 26th January 2020 The minutes were accepted but the actions were not reviewed given the long time gap caused by the lockdown.	
2	Chairman's resignation The meeting noted the resignation of the Chairman, Joseph Ambaye, and recorded their thanks for his efforts, particularly in the creation of the central composting area following the bonfire ban, which has proved both time-consuming and problematic. No member of the committee volunteered to take on the role of acting chairman and so the position remains vacant. The various reasons for the resignation were discussed and how these issues could be overcome without any major conclusion being reached. It was noted that there are a number of vacancies on the committee including the roles of shop representative and social representative.	
3	Finance The current balance stands unchanged at £889.12, below the minimum permitted under the constitution (£1000). We have still not been paid for the new compost area. So far a total of £1222.67 has been claimed from the Council. It was agreed that RH would prepare a draft email to the local councillor to cover this and the non-clearance of the area. [Post-meeting note: Following progress on these issues this is on hold.]	RH
4	Events The Spring Open Day was replaced by a successful Plant Sale for ploholders only which raised over £210 for charity. Any plans for the autumn will be discussed at the next meeting when the situation might become clearer.	
5	Liaison with the Council 1) Communal composting. The bins are full and now assorted rubbish is also being dumped at the site. The Council seems unable to send a suitable chipper or other vehicle to clear the heap as promised. It was agreed RH should include photographs in his email to the councillor. [Post-meeting note: Photos have been sent to the Allotment Officer and their contractor and action is now expected shortly.] 2) RH reported that the Council were not inspecting plots or letting plots to new starters during the lockdown period. It was unclear when this would restart. 3) With regard to the earlier flooding DW was confirmed as leading for the committee on this issue and he has established a good rapport with Hampton Pool who were also badly affected. No rapid resolution is expected.	
6	Communications Newsletters nos .53 and 54 have been issued. Many thanks to Phil Iddison for these. This seems a very useful way to keep members informed	

	The website has also been kept up to date.	
7	Community Areas No issues raised.	
8	Any Other Business Some concerns have been raised by plotholders about the intermittent opening of the shop and whether the shop was or was not open during the lockdown period. The plans for opening and stocking of the current shop operator need to be established given there are now many going elsewhere for their supplies.	
8	Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Sunday 26 th July 2020 at 11.00am. Venue to be agreed nearer the time.	