

# BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING
Date & Time: -	11th April 2021 11.00am
Location	Community Area
Minutes prepared by: -	Robin Hewitt
Present: -	Robin Hewitt (Secretary), Christina Aston(Treasurer), Vicky Phillips, Gillian Wilkinson, Bryan Basdell, David Wright, John Carrig
Apologies: -	None
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, website, Pete Lewis

Item	Minute	Action by
1	<b>Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b> The minutes were accepted. The actions arising were discussed: 1) The woody waste area has been opened for two weekends thanks to Giuseppe and helpers. One of the three bins is full, a second contains weeds and a third is empty. Giuseppe has the key. BB queried if the Council could empty both particularly if the weeds were in a lockable container. RH will enquire. 2) DW is meeting Phil Edwards of Royal Parks tomorrow to discuss the flooding issue and Pete Lewis has been invited. DW will discuss his proposed solution which would need to be implemented by Royal Parks. 3) No progress had been made on obtaining plot number signs.	RH
2	<b>Finance</b> CA reported that the current balance stood at £1757. It was noted that there were a number of repairs to be carried out in the North Community Area and we could pay for this to be done but this would be expensive and contractors are currently very busy. BB suggested it would be better to organise Volunteer Days. JC agreed to carry out a temporary repair to the north pergola. [Post-meeting note: RH no longer has any Squires vouchers]	JC
3	<b>Events</b> It was agreed to hold a plant sale on Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May following the next step in the easing of lockdown on the 17 <sup>th</sup> . We could consider providing tea/coffee. The proceeds would be given to charity. [Post-meeting note: GdeV and PI are available, although PI stated that he might not have much stock by then]	
4	<b>Liaison with the Council</b> RH noted that the Council had advised that plot 75a had been given up and that the plotholder of plots 66 and 66a had died. 66 and 66a are covered in rubbish. The Council are supposed to be carrying out an inspection this month. RH will chase.	RH
5	<b>Communications</b> Nothing to report.	
6	<b>Community Areas</b> VP reported that Absolute Support had been unable to use the southern community area very much over the last two years due to staff changes and the repeated lockdowns which had made activities with very vulnerable people impossible to carry out. It was agreed that new charities who could make use of the area needed to be sought and VP will liaise with the Council and organisations which might be interested about this. In the meantime we have had an approach from Newlands House School for their years 7 to 8 to gain service experience by helping us. They would be supervised by a teacher who is a nearby plotholder. It	VP

	was agreed they could be offered work on this and neighbouring vacant neglected plots, provided all work was carried out at their own risk. VP to progress.	
7	<b>Any Other Business</b> 1) It is still unclear who is working the raised beds in the North Community Area. It was agreed to number the beds so that the allocations could be properly recorded. 2) There have been a number of break-ins recently and lights have been seen after dark. Forty chickens were stolen recently from 2 plots. 3) BB has had contact from another tree surgeon willing to deliver woodchip and this was agreed. 4) Feedback had been received that many ploholders were not aware we had given £250 to the Park Lane Stables fund. RH will publicise.	BB RH
8	<b>Next Meeting</b> No date was set.	