

BUSHY PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting: -	COMMITTEE MEETING	
Date & Time: -	8 th August 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	
Apologies: -	None	
Circulation: -	Committee members, notice boards, website, Pete Lewis	
Item	Minute	Action by
1	Meeting of 11th April 2021 The minutes were accepted. Actions arising were covered during the meeting.	
2	Finance CA reported that the current balance stood at £1729.79 with no significant expenditure since the last meeting.	
3	Events It was agreed not to hold an Open Day in September, partly because we were unsure how welcome to ploholders visitors would be and partly because of the insurance position. VP is reviewing what our and the Council's insurance policies cover as this currently unclear. It was agreed instead that we would focus on the AGM with the aim of increasing committee membership and general volunteer support.	VP
4	Liaison with the Council RH reported that the Council had completed the second round of inspections and this had resulted in 6 terminations. This means we have over 20 vacant plots to relet, although practically all are in a poor condition. This includes the plots previously flooded and it was agreed to offer these with a suitable warning to prospective tenants. It was agreed to proceed to try and relet all the vacant plots. RH and GW reported that they had meetings with members of the Probation Service who run the Payback scheme for offenders who have to carry out community service. They would be able to clear a number of the overgrown plots so they could be relet more easily. However we would need to provide tools, teas/coffees, shelter and possible oversight and this looks far from straightforward. We are awaiting a report from their Health and Safety officer on their requirements. If we used them they could dump the woody and green waste in our woody waste area and the rubbish in the South car park. The Council would then clear both on request. RH to progress and report. The alternative is to attempt to relet the plots as they stand to those willing to accept the challenge. However the Council insists applicants must be treated in date order, although we have been approached from time to time by some willing to take even the worst of them on but not near the top of the list. We need in any case to provide access to the woody waste area and RH will put up a notice asking people to take the manure to clear the entrance.	RH RH
5	Communications The Bushy Park website is down and RH will contact the designer. [Post-meeting note: now restored]	RH
6	Community Area We are still seeking a charity wanting to work the area at the South end of the site. There is the option to divide the area into an orchard and a 5 rod plot but this is not preferred.	VP

7	Any Other Business Discussions continue with the Pool regarding their developments and potential flooding prevention measures.	DW
8	Next Meeting No date was set, but it needs to be before the AGM.	