

Bushy Park Allotment Association

Committee Meeting - Sunday 4th June 2023 at 11am

Attendees: - Giuseppe de Vai, Sarka Bokova, Julie Batten, Phil Iddison, Sarah Horrell, & Noel Burke

Minutes

1) Welcome and apologies:

Apologies received from Hugh Munro, John Wade & David Wright.

2) Spring Plant Sale & Open Day;

The Spring Plant Sale & Open Day was held on Saturday 20th May 2023, Noon to 3PM and followed the usual format. It was delayed one week and benefited from good weather.

It was very well attended with many visitors to the site.

Donations of plants and food were excellent and much appreciated.

The event took £844.50 with expenditure of £170, providing £674.50 for the Association funds.

It was noted that the shop building needed a clear-out and reorganisation, this will be done over the summer in readiness for the next communal event.

3) Council letting of surrendered and derelict plots:

There was no news from the Council on the letting of the remaining vacant plots. Everyone was now fully committed to working their own plot and it was probably not realistic for new tenants to start on plots before the autumn.

4) Finances

The committee was still looking at options to avoid bank charges. Any new account should have two committee members as signatories. A full financial report will be included in the next meeting.

5) September Open Day

The September Open Day will be held on either Saturday 16th or 23rd September, all committee members to confirm their availability so the date could be confirmed in a newsletter.

6) AOB;

Committee members noted: -

- **The gate was frequently left unlocked.** ALL tenants are reminded it is a Council requirement that they should be locked at all times. If you have a third-party delivery it is your responsibility to be with them all the time they are making a delivery. If you have friends visiting you should meet them at the gate, again they are your responsibility. Lock can be sprayed with WD-40 (but not with any other thicker lubricants as would gather dust)
- **There had been incidents of ball games being played.** This is not permitted in the communal areas and especially **NOT** on other tenants plots.
- **Dogs out of control.** The Council require dogs to be kept under control. There had been two reportable incidents in the past, a tenant was bitten and a dog caused a bicycle accident with injury to a tenant. Your dog should be secured on your plot or on a lead under your control.
- **Loud music** is considered to be a nuisance and will be reported to the Council.
- **Plot boundaries and paths** – tenants are responsible for maintaining their boundaries, not encroaching on neighbours plots and also maintaining paths in a safe condition.

An olive tree has been purchased to commemorate John Whitby's contributions to the allotment community. He had a plot for 30 years, was a committee member and looked after the water network. The tree will be planted in the communal area near the shop.

7) Website:

Riitta has taken on the revival of the website, thanks for her efforts.

8) Next Committee Meetings:

Next meeting will be on Sunday 30th July 2023 at 11:00 AM. Thereafter there will be meetings on 24/9 and 26/11/2023.

End of minutes