

SHEPHERD'S HILL SITE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 20.04.17

Present: Nick Finley, Annie Griffiths, Kathy Riddle (Minutes), Gary Sycamore, Trevor Wyatt (Chair)

- 1. Apologies:** Les: would be late/absent
- 2. Minutes:** the minutes were agreed.
- 3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere:** none.
- 4. Roles & Responsibilities/Communications:** A list of roles and responsibilities was included in the minutes of the first committee meeting of the year which are now on the website. It was agreed that we would put up notices around the site with the site email address asking tenants to use this as their point of contact and that private email addresses should not be used for site committee business. This ensures that two people see emails intended for the site and removes the risk of emails being rejected as Spam, deleted in error or lost.
- 5. Montenotte Road track repairs:** These are now complete and we have had two deliveries to the Trading shed. Annie has thanked Dick and the Highways Department. Thanks should also go to Rachel for getting it started. Thanks have been received from tenants for getting the work done.
- 6. Bodpave work:** Bodpave has been laid on some of the worse sections of the path from behind plot 80 to the chicken coop. Thanks to Gary for organising this and also to Paul Jones, Hugh Bodger, Peter Till and Trevor Wyatt for helping with the work. We have also had thanks from tenants with plots along the path.
- 7. Asset survey/Tree work:** We have been told by Haringey that trees are no longer part of the asset survey work. The trees round the perimeter of the site are in public and private land and we need to discover who is responsible for them. Kathy to request copy of the tree survey which Dick carried out last October and send to Gary and Nick.
- 8. General maintenance:** Water tanks: there are a number of leaks/damp patches around water tanks. Committee members have seen a hose left on overnight and a tap running without a hose attached. A separate email will go out to all tenants asking for information about leaking taps and reminding people not to leave taps on or hoses attached. Tenants should be considerate of people further up the site when it comes to water usage. All replacement taps will have non-return valves: we considered the possibility of adding taps to tanks without them. It was agreed to get a plumber in to do this if necessary.
Finally, we will encourage people to use water butts – if we have any rain!
Fences: there are some places along the boundary with the gardens in Shepherd's Hill which need some attention.
- 9. Additional Storage shed for Trading shed stock:** The CHADAHS Trading manager has asked for an additional storage shed at the back of the Trading shed yard. The committee consider that a storage shed in the TS yard would reduce parking space and the amount of space for the Plant sale and interfere with the delivery lorry. We agreed that we would prefer a Social shed. It was agreed that we would discuss storage requirements with the organisers of the trading shed and also consider other ways of storing bagged goods.
- 10. Waiting lists:** the current estimated waiting time for a plot is 6-8 years. The tenants list needs to be updated and probationers added. Kathy to contact Council for a download of the latest list from Colony.
- 11. Site inspections:** a pre-inspection will be carried out by committee members and plots identified as possibly warranting an NCN by at least one other person before the site inspection takes place.
- 12. Co-tenants:** all the names which have been proposed as co-tenants will be sent to the Allotments department for final agreement.

13. Co-workers: we still need clarification as to who is a co-worker but would remind tenants that the Council has said that they should have the names of people who are regularly on the site.

14. Breaking news: At a recent CHADAHS committee meeting it was proposed that CHADAHS be disbanded, each trading shed run by the site and all money going to the site. The money in the CHADAHS bank account would be split between the two sites. It was agreed that the Show would continue and two options were put forward as to how it should be funded:

- i) By leaving some money in the CHADAHS bank account for the show and running it with a reduced CHADAHS show committee
- ii) By each site agreeing to fund half any loss made by the show each year. All CHADAHS funds would be split equally between the sites.

The site committee agreed on the second option.

15. AOB: Allotment Forum Report: The Allotments admin officer (Sofia) has left. Allotment work will continue to be carried out by Tree officers but will not be first priority. There is no desire from Site secretaries to self-manage sites so Haringey Allotments service has to raise/save £60,000 a year to fund the deficit and pay for the new dedicated member of staff. As part of this saving the bagged rubbish collections have finished. A rent rise of 75% has been proposed and also one-off admin charges for new tenants and bee-keepers to cover the remaining shortfall. This would equate to an increase of £2 per month for a 5 pole plot (£1 for pensioners). Once this has been agreed an advert for the dedicated allotments officer will be advertised.

There will be two site inspections a year.

16. Date of next meeting: 10th July.

Kathy Riddle,
25th April 2017