

Shepherd's Hill Allotment Association Committee Meeting Minutes 24th March 2020 by Zoom		
	<p>Present: Juliet Mann, Ian Potts, Annie Griffiths, Jill Russell, Trevor Wyatt, Julie Yogasandram.</p> <p>Apologies Nick Finlay, Gary Sycamore</p>	
1.	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting</u></p> <p>Points of accuracy: none</p>	
2.	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>Jill and Annie have delayed handing over the site register and waiting list until we can arrange to meet face-to-face.</p> <p>Mentoring – Julie met with the person who suggested the idea of setting up a mentoring scheme between new and established tenants, and they had a good discussion. Julie will write up some notes and pursue when things are back to normal.</p> <p>Similarly, with the people who raised the issue of food waste at the AGM. They are interested in progressing the ideas.</p>	JY
3.	<p><u>Site inspections</u></p> <p>In general there was a good response to the nudge letters that went out earlier in March.</p> <p>With the COVID19 situation we are now in limbo; Emi has reported there will be no inspections until further notice.</p> <p>We agreed to circulate information from Haringey to inform all tenants of the current position.</p>	JR
4.	<p><u>Trading Shed</u></p> <p>The trading shed was opened for the last time, given current social distancing rules, on Sunday (23rd March). Annie has offered that if tenants write in to info@ with something urgent they want from the trading shed she will try and make an arrangement with them. We can't promise anything but will try.</p> <p>Annie and Hannah have offered to plant out the remaining potatoes from the trading shed in the top part of Plot 15. We can then either sell or donate these later in the year.</p>	AG
5.	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p>	1

	<p>Ian turned the water on this morning. All working OK at the Wood Vale end, but the water is not coming through the pipe at the Montenotte Rd end. It looks like possibly one of the stopcocks has been tarmaced over. Ian will contact Thames Water to ask them for a call out.</p> <p>The tree surgeon we've been in contact with about the fallen poplar tree wants to come in later this week and will liaise with Gary or Ian.</p> <p>Ian reported that a couple of taps need replacing. This isn't urgent but he will look at this when he has time.</p> <p>Ian is also aware of the leak on plot 55.</p> <p>Jill raised the condition of the trading shed wheelbarrows and wondered if we should think about replacing them. We wondered if we could look around for some second hand ones. In the first instance we will discuss with Andy, who keeps the tyres pumped up. Emi might also know if there are any second hand Council barrows.</p> <p>Scaffold boards – Alan Midgely, a tenant, has offered a source of scaffold boards. Annie will liaise with him.</p>	<p>IP</p> <p>?</p> <p>AG</p>
6.	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <p>Newsletter to include the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the trading shed closure • Link to video about Plot 15 works • Cancellation of plant sale • Water update • Reminders about bonfire ban, not to dump rubbish on Plot 15, and making sure children on the site do not stray off their own plots 	
7.	<p><u>Probationers and lettings</u></p> <p>There are 3 or 4 new tenants coming up to the end of their probation period at end of April.</p> <p>We have no new plots at present.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Future Plans</u></p> <p>The committee congratulated and thanked Ian for all his hard work organising the construction of the concrete base. Work will now have to stop until social distancing rules are lifted.</p>	

	<p>Ian talked about the upper part of the plot and initial ideas for landscaping this. The builders have filled in where the greenhouse was. We need to work out where to put steps in. He will talk to Julia about whether she might help with thinking about the design of this part of the plot. Ian has looked at wheelchair access to the upper part, but the gradients would make it extremely difficult. The aim is for the lower part of the plot to be accessible.</p> <p>John the architect would like to visit the site and check on how square the base is etc. Given the current circumstances we agreed that Ian should give him a key so he can come on his own to look.</p> <p><i>Plant sale</i> This is now cancelled but we discussed whether we might be able to set up a system whereby as things become available we could let tenants know and perhaps set up an online payment system. Annie will check whether people can pay into the SHA account online and will talk to Nick as the treasurer.</p>	<p>IP</p> <p>IP</p> <p>AG</p>
9.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Allotment Forum</u></p> <p>Forum meetings have been cancelled</p>	
11.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Julie agreed to do the AGM. Thank you Julie!</p>	
12.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 20th April, 3.00pm. Juliet to chair.</p>	