

Shepherd's Hill Allotment Association Committee Meeting Minutes 1st Feb 2021 on Zoom		
	<p>Present; Juliet Mann, Annie Griffiths, Jill Russell, Julie Yogasandram, Ian Potts, Stephen Cushnir, Garry Doyland, Jo Sheehan, Trevor Wyatt</p> <p>Apologies Amy Gardiner-Gibson</p>	
1.	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting: accuracy</u></p> <p>Approved.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>Julie has had no response from the tenant she wrote to about the chicken plot.</p> <p>Some committee members have not yet signed in to access the committee only section of the website. Charlie to send out access details again.</p>	CS
3.	<p><u>Trading Shed</u></p> <p>Annie and Liz are expecting a big delivery on 12th Feb and have devised a plan for tenants to pick up their potatoes and shallots safely. Annie to send Jill details for site newsletter.</p>	AG
4.	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <p>There were reports of more break-ins last weekend, affecting 8 or so sheds at the west end of the site. Some were ransacked, but little evidence of things stolen. We agreed to keep a schedule of all incidents; Julie will start one that we can update.</p> <p>Ian has checked with Emi and he has OKed our use of cameras on site. We will put up signs saying there is CCTV on site, both to inform people, and hopefully act as a deterrent to intruders.</p> <p>We discussed the possibility of also using dummy cameras.</p> <p>We have the fencing we reclaimed from the cricket club that – once covid restrictions allow - can be used at weak spots we've identified. Annie mentioned that Martin Courbet has indicated he's had experience of putting up fences and may be able to help.</p> <p>Julie had written to the Council asking if they would help install new fencing. The response was that there is no capital budget for projects such as this. However Alex Fraser suggested that they</p>	JY AG/IP

	<p>may be able to help with planting up some boundary areas with thorny bushes such as blackthorn, and also said “we may be able to find funds to reimburse SHAA, if you were to carry out some improvements to the existing fence in certain areas.” Julie will write to Alex asking for more details about planting, and any suggestions of contractors for getting quotes for improvements to the fencing. We will also ask Ian Drury as it’d be good to hear other sites’ experience of how they manage security issues.</p> <p>We need to ask again if anyone is willing to take on maintaining the wheelbarrows. Annie has got some spare parts from Andy which she’s keeping on her plot. Bruno has donated two that are in good condition. [post meeting note: Jill and Annie have spoken to Amy who has volunteered to take this on].</p> <p>Tree surgeons are going to prune the remaining poplar trees in the garden on Shepherds Hill where one fell onto our site last year. Ian is liaising with them, and in return for access from the site side we will ask them to fill up our bays with the chipped brush wood.</p> <p>We discussed the ongoing situation with the state of the track from Wood Vale to the allotments, due to the building work taking place in the adjoining property and them using heavy machinery. Garry and Ian have been in regular touch with the owners to ensure that the damage is repaired. Julie will talk to Glenys Law from CREOS as it seems that the track is Parks land that is managed by CREOS.</p>	<p>JY</p> <p>JY</p> <p>IP</p> <p>GD</p> <p>JY</p>
5.	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of potato weekend • Security update • Details of new buddy scheme • Update on Wood Vale track • Reminder about Haringey invoices for rents • Offer of fire retardant paint 	<p>JR</p>
6.	<p><u>Probationers and lettings</u></p> <p>The recently available plots are now let to three probationers.</p> <p>We will launch the mentoring scheme that Stephen has worked on developing, and invite both mentors and mentees. Further details to be put on the website.</p>	<p>JR/CS/SC</p>
7.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Jo is getting to grips with the accounts after taking over from Nick and will put something together for the next meeting.</p>	<p>JS</p>

	Jill now has a second hand phone that can be used with a card reader for the trading shed, so will order the card reader and get this set up.	JR
8.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 1 st March 6.30pm. Stephen to chair.	