

Shepherd's Hill Allotment Association Committee Meeting Minutes July 21st 2021		
	<p>Present; Juliet Mann, Jill Russell, Garry Doyland, Ian Potts, Julie Yogasundram. By Zoom (for part of the meeting): Annie Griffiths, Jo Sheehan Apologies: Trevor Wyatt, Stephen Cushnir, 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>No update on the chicken shed. Julie and Ian still to meet with Greg.</p> <p>Julie and Jill circulated a paper on beekeeping on SHA, proposing that going forward our policy should be for hives to only be kept on the designated bee plot (84). This was approved, and it was agreed we would write to the plot holder who currently has bees on their own plot informing them of this decision.</p> <p>We will update our guidance on beekeeping to reflect this policy.</p> <p>We agreed to talk to Esther and Lynn who currently have hives on the bee plot about what work is needed to improve the environment for the bees (pruning etc.) and it was suggested that this could be the focus of a couple of working parties.</p>	<p>JY/IP</p> <p>JY</p> <p>JR</p> <p>JY/JR</p>
3.	<p><u>Site inspections</u></p> <p>The committee have identified a number of plots where there is little or no evidence of cultivation. The committee will continue to liaise with Haringey.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Barn</u></p> <p>At last we can have a grand opening of the Barn! To be held on Sunday 1st August 3.00 – 5.30pm. Plot holders and their family and friends all welcome.</p> <p>We agreed that one or more of the committee members will say a few words about how the Barn was built, and the plans we have for events. And to invite everyone to contribute ideas for future use of the Barn. And Ian to cut the ribbon!</p> <p>Ralph and Tracey and Jane have agreed to help with the tea and cakes stall. As this is a celebration rather than a fund-raising we</p>	<p>Need to agree who?</p>

	<p>will not charge for tea and cakes. But will have a donation box instead.</p> <p>We'll have a separate produce stall to sell preserves, whole cakes, etc.</p> <p>Will ask for cakes etc. in the newsletter.</p> <p>Lianne to make some posters to advertise the event.</p> <p>[post meeting note: Gary will be at the Farmers Market but may be able to bring any leftover produce later in the afternoon]</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>JM/LP</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Trading Shed</u></p> <p>Sales are still very high and we are having another big delivery on 27th July. Prices are going up, particularly for canes..... high demand and interrupted supply.</p> <p>We'll continue to open for just one hour, 11-12 until further notice. Demand usually drops off from now on and we've coped throughout the busy period.</p> <p>We deferred discussion about maintenance of the communal garden on Plot 15 to the next meeting when Annie is present.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <p>Haringey have employed a company to undertake a survey for the management of Japanese knotweed. Garry accompanied the surveyors this week on their visit to SHA. The affected area is along the boundary with the playing field. The surveyors will be sending a report with their recommendations for managing JKW to Haringey, who will share a copy with us.</p> <p>In the meantime, an urgent task is to inform tenants whose plots are possibly affected not to cut or disturb any JKW as this can increase the spread. Julie will draft an email to send to tenants with plots in the affected area.</p> <p>Ian reported that he'd organised for a tree surgeon to come and clear the willow branches that had fallen from the adjoining property onto plot 87A. This had revealed the poor state of the fence. Fortunately there was no damage to the tenant's shed. Ian has written to the property manager requesting them to repair and make good the fence, and has asked if they could cut back some of the big bows that are overhanging the fence line and creating huge amounts of shade making it impossible for plot holders to cultivate their plots.</p>	<p>JY</p>

7.	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barn opening • Reminder about keeping paths clear • Reminder about blight • RSS card discount • Hornsey Food bank donations 	JR
6.	<p><u>Probationers and lettings</u></p> <p>No plots to let.</p>	
	<p><u>Future plans</u></p> <p>The subgroup for Barn events will meet to progress the plans after the opening. Meeting agreed for 2pm on Wednesday 4th August.</p>	JR/JM/JY/AGG
7.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Jo circulated a short financial update. We deferred discussion to the next meeting.</p> <p>Jo has set up a meeting with Barclays to move our account there. Jill will attend with her. The authorised signatories will be Joanna Sheehan and Jill Russell. The committee approved this decision and gave authority to set up the new account.</p>	JS/JR
	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Ian has been in email correspondence with Emi regarding the blocked drain that is flooding the Wood Vale track. He has said he will get Highways involved and even Thames Water. At some point Garry and Ian will do a water dye test to see where it appears on the track.</p>	IP/GD
8.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>17th August at 6.30pm in the Barn. Stephen to chair.</p>	