

<b>Shepherd's Hill Allotment Association Committee Meeting Draft Minutes Sept 25th 2021</b>		
	<b>Present;</b> Juliet Mann, Jill Russell, Garry Doyland, Ian Potts, Julie Yogasundram, Annie Griffiths, Jo Sheehan, Stephen Cushnir, Amy Gardiner Gibson. <b>Apologies:</b> Trevor Wyatt.	
1.	<b><u>Minutes of last meeting: accuracy</u></b>  Approved.	
2.	<b><u>Matters arising</u></b>  Following up on one or two instances of tenants having produce taken from their plots, next year we need to make sure in any notices in the newsletter that we label theft as theft rather than just scrumping.  Julie will chase Haringey about the Japanese knotweed survey.	JR  JY
3.	<b><u>Site inspections</u></b>  Haringey have issued 8 NCNs, 1 termination notice, and we have been informed that another 3 plots are being given up (one in Sept and two at the end of year). We're still awaiting news on whether/when the chicken plot will become available; as previously discussed the committee view is that this should be returned to use as a plot.	
4.	<b><u>Trading Shed</u></b>  Ticking over nicely, we are sticking to one volunteer for one hour only. Ian to put up notice on gate that the shed is open again to outsiders. From beginning of November, we'll open every 2 weeks for the winter. Potato w/e date to be fixed – Annie to check with Liz.	IP/AG  AG
5.	<b><u>Maintenance</u></b>  Congratulations to Ian and co. on undertaking such a comprehensive and informative tree survey. Ian reported that the estate manager of the flats behind plot 87 have agreed to pay for another day's work for the tree surgeon to cut down some of the overhanging branches that shade his plot. This is due to happen on the 23rd Oct.  We agreed to ask Richard the tree surgeon to quote for the work identified in the survey where work is needed urgently.	         IP/GD/AGG

	<p>We will put an item in the newsletter asking tenants to check whether any trees on their plot exceed the maximum allowed height of 3 – 4 metres (as specified in the tenancy agreement), and if they do, to make a plan to get them pruned. We'll provide links to advice on what to prune when, and will suggest that tenants get in touch with us if the trees are too tall for them to prune themselves and we'll put them in touch with the tree surgeon to quote for the work required.</p> <p>We will also talk to Richard about whether he'd consider giving a talk/practical session to tenants on pruning.</p> <p>Garry and Ian are continuing to investigate the drainage problem that is flooding the Wood Vale track. They've done a dye test but no dye came out, so still not sure where the water is coming from. Next step is to turn off the water from Wood Vale to Queens Wood to test whether it's coming from a water pipe or spring.</p> <p>Garry is getting more quotes for fencing alongside the track leading up to and alongside the playing field.</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>IP</p> <p>GD/IP</p> <p>GD</p>
6.	<p><b><u>Plans for AGM</u></b></p> <p>We'll hold on the AGM on Zoom again as this was a success last year, and things are still uncertain with COVID. Jo (and Jill?) will help Julie prepare the papers this year with the aim of Julie handing it over next year. Julie will chair the actual meeting.</p> <p>Date confirmed for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – 7.00-8.30</p>	<p>JY/JS/JR</p>
7.	<p><b><u>Communication</u></b></p> <p>Tree Survey  Manure deliveries  Water being turned off  Dates for diaries – Café at the Barn, Sunday lunches, AGM, winter warmer  A thank you to ploholders for Hornsey food bank donations.</p> <p>We've had no response from the tenant about removing bees from his plot. Julie to follow up with Haringey.</p> <p>Jill and Julie to follow up with beekeepers on bee plot to discuss improvements they'd like to see.</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>JY</p> <p>JY/JR</p>
8.	<p><b><u>Haringey community coordinator</u></b></p> <p>Jo had received a request from a Haringey local area coordinator enquiring about the possibility of opportunities for residents she supports who have expressed an interest in community gardening.</p>	

	As a first step we wondered if the coordinator and then perhaps the resident(s) could be invited to one of our Café at the Barn mornings. Stephen to follow up with the coordinator.	SC
6.	<b><u>Probationers and lettings</u></b>  See under site inspections.	
	<b><u>Future plans</u></b>  Amy had identified a teacher willing to run a willow weaving workshop. This would be a day-long event, in Jan/Feb, approx. £30-£40 for 8 participants. We agreed this sounded a great event. Amy to get a date and further details from the teacher and we will advertise it in the October newsletter.  Amy suggested other ideas for possible workshops, including a herbalist workshop and one on natural dying. We agreed to start with the willow one and develop plans from there.  In the context of day long workshops, inviting Haringey residents to coffee mornings, and other events, the subject of toilets came up. Julie to investigate hiring a Portaloo for a limited period as a way of gauging need/use, and then we can think longer term about a compostable toilet.  Potato weekend – provisionally the 12/13 <sup>th</sup> February – Annie to check with Liz.  The lunches and coffee mornings have been a great success, with the last lunch raising over £100. We will buy an extra calor gaz burner so we have enough for heating the soups and kettle.  Fiona has offered to run a Chinese noodles workshop in the Spring.  Kim may be interested in running a workshop on how as an artist she used the iPad for her work. Jill had spoken to Sarah about a possible art show/workshop of her work, but she is busy with other projects at present.  We had received an offer from a tenant's sister to run a workshop on flower arranging/wreath making..? Jill to ask for more details.  Winter Warmer – 21 <sup>st</sup> November, to coincide with Sunday lunches being the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.	AGG    JY  AG  IP      JR
7.	<b><u>Finance</u></b>  Jo has set up a new account with HSBC, with Jill as the other signatory. We're just awaiting final details and then will transfer	JS

	funds, etc.	
	<b><u>AOB</u></b> None	
8.	<b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b> Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm in the Barn (with fire and lights!) Garry to chair. Jo to bring cake.	