

	It was also commented that incinerators are a more efficient way to burn, reaching higher temperatures and producing less smoke.	
4.	<p><u>Site inspections</u></p> <p>We hope they will recommence in April.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Trading Shed</u></p> <p>Potatoes are arriving on 8th February, and most have already been ordered.</p> <p>Annie will bag everything up before potato Sunday on 27th Feb and we'll give people time slots for collecting.</p>	AG
6.	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <p>There's a plan to build a wood store for the Barn.</p> <p>There's still a significant problem with water leaking around plots 90, 101, 107 (?) and onto the path and Wood Vale track, but it's still unclear as to what's causing it.</p> <p>Garry and Ian will experiment by buying a few lengths of plastic piping to see if this helps. Will then report back and if successful will lay more.</p> <p>Ian will also try to see if Thames Water can help/advise.</p> <p>Jo stressed that we urgently need to agree a maintenance plan, prioritising work and expenditure, as we have funds that we need to allocate. Garry and Ian to bring to next meeting.</p> <p>We will re-start regular maintenance working parties. Garry and Ian to suggest dates.</p> <p>Trees</p> <p>Ian reported that the tree surgeon has completed the first phase of the schedule of works we agreed. Ian to get an estimate from Richard for the next phase of work (including the pruning work needed on the bee plot).</p> <p>Ian had checked with the tree surgeon and CREOS and they are OK with us going ahead with pruning the branches of the huge oak tree by plot 16. Ian will ask Richard to include this in his estimate.</p>	<p>GD/IP</p> <p>IP</p> <p>GD/IP</p> <p>GD/IP</p> <p>IP</p> <p>IP</p>
7.	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barn events 	JR

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8.	<p><u>Probationers and lettings</u></p> <p>There are 5/6 new probationers, some of whom have taken on very difficult plots but are doing a great job. We have two more plots available to let.</p> <p>The waiting list now stands at around 125, still very high but lower than for some time, as a number who have recently been contacted when nearing the top of the list have either not been contactable, or have got a plot elsewhere or moved out of London.</p> <p>As agreed, we opened the waiting list briefly at the beginning of January and the available places (10) were all filled within the hour!</p>	
9.	<p><u>Future plans</u></p> <p>At the last Sunday lunch we ran out of soup, so next time we'll plan to have 3 rather than 2 burners (Ian to bring his), and 3 soups (Jill, Annie and Jane). Bread: Ian, Charlie and Julie. Cake from Juliet's neighbour.</p> <p>Ian will turn on the water for the day on the 27th Feb.</p> <p>Jill reported that the willow workshops are now full. We have asked for £20 deposit with the balance paid on the day. Accommodating people's preference for which day, and checking/chasing deposits all takes time – we need to bear this in mind when planning future events.</p> <p>We will tell participants to bring their own lunch and tea/coffee so that no one has to organise that. On the Sat and Sunday people can get drinks and snacks from Highgate tennis club if they wish.</p> <p>Jill can open and close the Barn on Friday 4th March Juliet will do Saturday 5th March Garry will do Sunday 6th.</p> <p>The workshop tutor (Linda) has asked if she can park her van on site for the duration of the 3 days, to avoid ULEZ charges. We need to make clear this is at her own risk.</p> <p>Julie reported that she's got some non-committee members interested in helping with café at the barn, which may mean we can open more than once a month.</p>	<p>IP/AG/JR/JM</p> <p>IP</p> <p>JR</p> <p>JR, JM, GD</p>
10.	<u>Finance</u>	

	<p>Jo circulated a finance update report, and highlighted the need for us to agree expenditure on maintenance against an agreed list of priorities.</p> <p>Jill had researched buying a second card reader, but it is quite expensive so we will carry on managing with one.</p>	
11.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>A tenant had enquired whether they could erect a greenhouse that is larger than the permissible size. We agreed that we should ensure tenants stick to the rules. Julie to respond.</p> <p>We will look at ways of improving the rather shabby looking notice board by the Montenotte gate.</p>	<p>JY</p> <p>JM, AG</p>
12.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Wed 16th March on Zoom. 6.30pm. Julie to chair.</p>	