

Shepherd's Hill Allotment Association Committee Meeting Draft Minutes 6th July 2023		
	<p>Present; Juliet Mann, Jill Russell, Julie Yogasundram, Annie Griffiths, Jo Sheehan, Garry Doyland</p> <p>Apologies: Nevil Yeldiz, Trevor Wyatt, Ian Potts</p>	
1.	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting: accuracy</u></p> <p>Approved.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>The bee plot move is going ahead.</p> <p>Annie now has an HSBC card, which means she can bank cash at the Post Office.</p> <p>The Harington scheme has written to thank us for the donation of £600 from the recent plant sale. We will put their letter of thanks in the next newsletter.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <p>We had received a complaint from a resident in Shepherds Hill about our use of anti-climb paint on the boundary fence. She had pointed out the dangers to wildlife of this paint and the problems of it seeping into the soil where vegetables etc. are growing. We sent a committee apology and thanked her for drawing our attention to its dangers. Ian, on behalf of the maintenance team, did an extensive and thorough job of cleaning the paint off, and reported that the resident considered the matter resolved.</p> <p>Julie to write to the resident, to confirm that the issue has been satisfactorily resolved.</p> <p>The lesson for the committee from this incident is that we need to be alert to and always question the safety, legality, etc. of any materials being used on the site. The maintenance team will have a look at areas of the site that have previously been treated with anti-climb paint, and if any areas are still sticky the paint will need to be removed.</p> <p>Nick Finley has soldered the new padlocks onto chains, and Annie will get nuts and bolts to attach the chains onto the gates.</p> <p>We will put laminated notices on the inside of all three gates reminding tenants that the new locks and keys will come into</p>	<p>JY</p> <p>GD/IP/NY</p> <p>AG</p> <p>AG</p>

	<p>operation during the day of Monday 31st July, and to make sure they have picked up a new key by then.</p> <p>The maintenance team had a working party last month, working on the boundary fencing, and mending wheelbarrows.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Site inspections/probationers and lettings</u></p> <p>After the last site visit Haringey issued 14 NCNs. Juliet to circulate a list of these plots to the committee. Most of the 14 tenants have responded with work on their plot, but in a few cases (3 or 4?) it is likely that termination notices will be issued.</p> <p>There are currently an additional 3 plots to let.</p> <p>At some point once the bees have been moved to their new plot we need to discuss possible use of the old bee plot. At the same time we should look at any other 'spare' bits of land and whether they can provide additional plots.</p> <p>Julie to write to person at the top of the waiting list who has been a 'no show' when we'd arranged a viewing with them.</p> <p>Julie will bring a report on the waiting list to the next meeting.</p> <p>We discussed what our policy should be on tenants who it is clear have moved out of London. Juliet to ask about other sites' policies at the upcoming Allotment Forum.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>JY</p> <p>JY</p> <p>JM</p>
6.	<p><u>Trading Shed</u></p> <p>Jill reported that she has sent in the lottery application for rebuilding the trading shed. We should hear within about 12 weeks.</p> <p>When the shed is being rebuilt we will run down the manure and compost which takes up most room, and sell what we can from the Barn or the container.</p> <p>Ian had prepared detailed estimated costings in order to complete the Lottery application. We now need to bring these costings and the drawings as a fully costed proposal to the next committee meeting. Jill to send Jo the spreadsheet of costs for her to look over as treasurer.</p> <p>At the recent interim AGM the meeting confirmed the priority of the trading shed project.</p> <p>At a future meeting we also need to discuss whether we should be doing something about the track by the shed at the same time as</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>JS</p>

	the rebuilding of the trading shed.	
7.	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder about picking up keys • Thank you letter from Harington scheme. • Anyone leaving a car in either car park to leave their phone no. on the dashboard. • Update on food bank donations • Reminder about not picking fruit from plots by the paths. And keeping paths clear. • Draft minutes of the AGM on website. • Changes in Art at the Barn group. • Barn event on 6th August 	JR
8.	<p><u>Barn events and Future plans</u></p> <p>Following the success of the pot luck supper on 2nd July, we will have another one on 6th August 6.00pm, with a BBQ again, weather permitting.</p> <p>No café or Sunday lunches in July/August, regular Barn events to start again in September.</p> <p>We agreed to change the way the art group is organised, so that participants pay in advance for a block of sessions. Garry to send Jill a draft to put in the next newsletter.</p>	All
9.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Allotment Forum</u></p> <p>Juliet will attend the next Forum on Saturday 8th July. She will ask about what formula is used for Haringey payments to allotment sites. Also other sites' policies on out-of-London tenants.</p>	JM
11.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>A tenant has offered to donate some wooden chairs for outside the Barn. Garry to collect.</p>	GD
12.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 5th Sep 2pm at the Barn. Garry to chair.</p>	