

Shepherd's Hill Allotment Association Committee Meeting Draft Minutes 4th Sep 2023		
	<p>Present; Juliet Mann, Jill Russell, Julie Yogasundram, Annie Griffiths, Jo Sheehan, Nevil Yeldiz, Trevor Wyatt,</p> <p>Apologies: Ian Potts, Garry Doyland</p>	
1.	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting: accuracy</u></p> <p>Approved.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>We had a reply from the local resident who'd been concerned about our use of anti-climb paint, confirming she is happy with the work done to remove it.</p> <p>Annie will make laminated signs to put on the gate to remind people to leave their phone no. on the dashboard when parking in the trading shed car park.</p>	AG
4.	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <p>There are some exposed spikes on the path adjoining Plot 62A, which are a H&S hazard. They need cutting down with an angle grinder. Nev thinks Ian has one...? he will ask him.</p> <p>We approved £140 spending on posts/spikes and clips for the next maintenance WP to erect 4 or 5 sections of fence panels at the top of plot 85a to block the hole made by the fallen tree.</p>	NY/IP
5.	<p><u>Site inspections/probationers and lettings</u></p> <p>Julie gave an update on the waiting list. 91 currently on the list, 30 of whom are on the deferred list. 27 are on the list who were added in 2017, so there is still more than a 6 year wait for people on the list.</p> <p>We noted Haringey Allotment Forum guidance on waiting lists, which states the following:</p> <p>“Waiting lists should, whenever possible, remain open irrespective of their length because waiting lists are recognised as evidence that there is an insufficient supply of allotments in the London Borough of Haringey. It is accepted that closed waiting lists also provide evidence that demand for local allotment plots cannot be met. Waiting lists should only be closed where local circumstances are such that demand greatly exceeds the expectations of people on</p>	

	<p>that list.”</p> <p>We agreed to continue with our existing policy of opening up the waiting list at the beginning of each year to allow on the same number of people as plots let in the previous year.</p> <p>We will check with the allotment officer that she intends to do a site inspection in the autumn.</p>	JM
6.	<p><u>Trading Shed</u></p> <p>We submitted our application to the Lottery Fund for funding for rebuilding the Trading Shed at the beginning of July, and the Fund is now saying we can expect to hear within 16 weeks, i.e. around 23rd October.</p> <p>Meanwhile the Lottery Fund have announced changes to their funding scheme: from mid November applicants can apply for up to £20K (instead of the current limit of £10K) and a project can take up to 2 years to complete (instead of one year). We discussed the pros and cons of withdrawing our current application and putting in for a new bid under the new arrangements, which would allow us to include funds for a toilet and repairs to the track. On balance we decided to keep with the existing application, as a) the trading shed is in urgent need of replacing b) it's better timing for the work to be done in the winter and c) there might be a rush of applications under the new scheme, reducing our chances.</p> <p>Post meeting note: Jill phoned the Lottery Fund, and they confirmed that we have to wait a year from a grant being awarded before putting in another application.</p> <p>We agreed that at our next meeting to have an agenda item to a) refresh our memories on the agreed design of the new trading shed and the submitted application, and b) look over and review the spreadsheet of estimated costs that Ian prepared back in June.</p> <p>The horticultural supplies company used for the trading shed stock is closing down, but the plan is to go straight to the company they used.</p> <p>Annie and Liz will put in a potatoes, onions and shallots order.</p> <p>The key switch was very successful, with only one or two tenants not having picked up a new key. Approx 40 co-workers have been registered as having keys.</p> <p>We will sell keys from the trading shed, asking anyone requesting one to give a valid reason (if theirs is lost, or if they want to add a co-worker in which case they must complete a co-worker form).</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>JR/IP/JS</p> <p>AG</p>

	Annie to amend the subs list of ploholders so we can keep a record of new key requests, and will update volunteers.	
7.	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next maintenance working party • Barn events for Sept and Oct. • Not to compost tomatoes with blight on site or leave in the ground. Take it off site. Can go in a LA brown bin. • Site inspection due later in autumn. • Muswell Hill horticultural show – add a link to the categories. 	JR
8.	<p><u>Barn events and Future plans</u></p> <p>October 11th Café at the Barn Oct 22nd discussion and lunch (possible topic: keeping your allotment productive in winter) Annie to ask Tracey Gardiner if she'll come along. Winter warmer – Sun 26th Nov 12-3pm Will plan a scaregrow competition to tie in with the plant sale next year.</p>	AG
9.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Jo presented a finance update from April 1st – 31st July.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Allotment Forum</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
11.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Friday 13th October 2pm at the Barn. Garry to chair.</p>	