

<b>Shepherd's Hill Allotment Association Committee Meeting Draft Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>		
	<p><b>Present;</b> Juliet Mann, Jill Russell, Annie Griffiths, Jo Sheehan, Nevil Yeldiz, Trevor Wyatt, Garry Doyland</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Ian Potts, Julie Yogasundram</p>	
1.	<p><b><u>Minutes of last meeting: accuracy</u></b></p> <p>Approved.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p>Tracey will come to next Barn lunch to share her experience of using the no dig method. Nevil and Juliet will also contribute their experience of no dig.</p> <p>Annie has amended the subs list kept in the trading shed to make a record of new key requests.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Maintenance</u></b></p> <p>Ian, Garry and Nev worked on central footpath where there were some dangerous spikes and have levelled the path. Will continue with the path at the next w/p and hope to get more volunteers. They also mended wheelbarrows and cleared the area to the left of the Wood Vale gate. Ian has put up a new notice board by the Montenotte gate.</p> <p>An oversized tree on 132b is shading a neighbour's plot (132c). We will write to the plot holder and forward the tree surgeon's contact details, and also send out a general reminder in the next newsletter about the permitted height of trees (3m).</p> <p>There are also some lime trees shading some plots; the maintenance working party will investigate the position of these.</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>IP/GD/NY</p>
5.	<p><b><u>Site inspections/probationers and lettings</u></b></p> <p>The allotment officer undertook a site inspection last week. 9 NCNs will be issued, 3 of which are second NCNs. We will send out 'nudge emails' to a further 7 tenants.</p> <p>There are currently 4 or 5 probationers.</p> <p>Ian to talk to Diana on Plot 68A about the committee helping with some large branches to be removed from her plot.</p>	<p>JM/JR</p> <p>IP</p>

	<p>A request was received from the tenant on 39 to swap her plot with another one that comes available, because of shading on her plot from high trees on the neighbouring property. The tenant previously swapped her plot from 73A to 39 in 2018. We agreed to take a look at the trees and see if anything can be done about pruning them to reduce the shading problem on 39.</p> <p>Currently we have one available plot to let.</p>	IP/GD/NY
5/6.	<p><b><u>Finance update and trading shed application</u></b></p> <p>Jo gave a finance update, estimating a year end position of approx. £14,800. She also ran through a helpful table, itemising the various building schemes currently under discussion (trading shed, solar panels for Barn, Montenotte road track, toilet).</p> <p>Re. our application to the Lottery Community Fund: after the last meeting, we had agreed by email discussion to withdraw our current application for £10K funding for rebuilding the trading shed, and apply under their new scheme which opens in mid-November and offers grants up to £20K. The day after we withdrew our application, we heard it had been unsuccessful. It seems that our and their emails crossed. Whilst disappointing news, the positive is that we have had some feedback to take on board when putting in our new application.</p> <p>Annie will work with Jill to draft a new application, in which we need to stress who we've consulted, how many, what input people have had into developing our project, and how it will change people's lives, and specifically meet the Community Fund's objectives.</p> <p>We have put in an application for £2K to a 'Re-power Communities' Fund (part of N London heat and power project) for solar panels for the Barn.</p> <p>A next step is to get some costings for the Montenotte Rd track and explore the options for repair. Annie will ask Tim if he can suggest anyone. It may be that as part of the trading shed rebuild application we can include some enabling works on the track.</p> <p>We agreed that there is unlikely to be enough funds for a toilet, even within a new Lottery application, and we will put the discussion of the pros and cons of having a toilet on hold for now.</p>	<p>AG/JR</p> <p>AG</p>
7.	<p><b><u>Communication</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next maintenance working party 5<sup>th</sup> November – last push of</li> </ul>	

	<p>2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General reminder to everyone about height of trees.</li> <li>• A reminder about informing Haringey by 1<sup>st</sup> December if wanting to give up plot otherwise will be charged rent for the year 2024.</li> <li>• Also to let allotment officer know of any changes of address, emails and concessions.</li> <li>• Donations for the Winter Warmer raffle</li> <li>• Ask for volunteers to help in the Barn</li> </ul>	JR
8.	<p><b><u>Barn events and Future plans</u></b></p> <p>Winter Warmer: will have a raffle and ask for donations. Garry to contact Mary Ensor to see if she is willing to do wreath making in the Barn during the Winter Warmer.</p> <p>We discussed how we can make more use of the Barn....maybe have it open at the same time as the Trading Shed so tenants can look at the RHS magazines and Gardening books? A craft afternoon was suggested (by Annie?) on Sunday 19th November, with one person responsible.</p> <p>We also discussed how to round up more volunteers for cakes, soups etc on a regular basis and maybe have a rota. Jo suggested a newsletter of monthly events that tenants can pick up outside the Barn.</p>	<p>GD</p> <p>AG</p>
9.	<p><b><u>Allotment Forum</u></b></p> <p>Meeting to be held Sat 14<sup>th</sup> October.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>Jon van Stroud's family are planning a memorial tree by the Barn. , Annie to speak to Ian about the existing tree stump, and where best for the new tree to go.</p> <p>Jill had circulated the draft SINC report from Haringey. There were no further comments.</p>	AG
12.	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>Thursday 16th November at 2pm. Juliet to chair.</p>	