

Shepherd's Hill Allotment Association Committee Meeting Minutes 18th Feb 2025		
	<p>Present; Juliet Mann, Jill Russell, Annie Griffiths, Jo Sheehan, Julie Yogasundram, Nevil Yildiz.</p> <p>Apologies: Trevor Wyatt, Ian Potts, Garry Doyland,</p>	
1.	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting: accuracy</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>Still waiting to hear back from Haringey about repairing the fencing where the tree fell. Jill to chase Victoria.</p>	JR
3.	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <p>The committee thanked Ian and Annie for all their hard work in getting our new trading shed, which is now up and nearly ready for use. We will have a grand opening on Sunday 9th March at 11.00, with tea and coffee and cake in the Barn. We will ask Ian to cut the ribbon!</p> <p>Ian sent in a report on maintenance jobs: Now the new Trading Shed has been constructed there are a number of jobs that need doing before we can open it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where the walls of the shed meet the concrete slab of there is a danger of water ingress which could cause damp. To prevent this happening this junction needs to be sealed with a silicone sealer all the way around the shed. I have bought the sealer and this job takes top priority. • Hopefully the new shed shelving and worktop have arrived and we will install those after sealing. • Further, we will build a new rack to hold the four types of netting material we have on sale. This will take a couple of days. • Then install the new shelving and worktop. • We also need to think about how we are going to display the different lengths of cane we have and how we are going to hang a big notice board both inside and out. <p>Jobs coming up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two wheel barrows had their old punctured tyres replaced with solid ones last week which has given them a new lease of life. We'd like to buy three more solid wheel tyres to bring back into use three more punctured wheelbarrows. • More work needs to done on to extend the composting area at 	

	<p>our next work party and block the hole in the fence to the flats behind.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The path up from the Queens Wood car park to the top path needs to be treated with hardcore. This will get rid of the horrid slippery mud and make it durable for several seasons. • The side of the Barn where we have the wood store has become very wet since the ground was dug over by the guys fixing the electrical problem. This water is going to cause problems of damp and even flooding in the near future if it is not attended to. We need to dig a trench from the corner by the veranda, alongside the Barn to the fence at the rear, insert gravel and drainage pipes to draw the water away from the foundations of the Barn and out onto the path. We should do the same at the front of the Barn as the ground is very wet and the water cannot escape. <p>We approved expenditure on the above items.</p> <p>We want to set up a dedicated group for managing the communal composting area and help get the composting working properly. Nev volunteered to take a lead on this, and we will ask for volunteers to join him. It needs people who will help with wetting it, turning, add woodchip, etc.</p>	NY
5.	<p><u>Site inspections/probationers and lettings</u></p> <p>Juliet reported that we have let every available plot, so we are unlikely to have any further plots until after the next inspection later in the year. We were encouraged to hear that new ploholders have a younger and more diverse demographic.</p> <p>Haringey is proposing two inspections a year, one in late spring/early summer and one in late summer/early autumn.</p> <p>Julie reported that the waiting list now stands at just under 100, with approx. one third of those on the deferred list. Those currently being offered plots have waited approx. 2 years.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Trading shed</u></p> <p>The next step with the new trading shed is to put up shelves, work counter and move all the stock back in.</p> <p>We discussed the opening hours and Annie will poll the volunteer group on their views about opening it for 1.5 hours.</p>	AG
6.	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates for the diary (see below). Including info on Plant Sale. 	JR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next maintenance working party Sunday 9th March • Ask for volunteers to join Nev in a group to oversee the new composting area. • Include a general welcome to new tenants and invite them to get involved. • Make sure you've paid your bill. • Potatoes still available to buy on 9th March. • Peter Till's art show at the library to raise funds for SHA. 	
7.	<p><u>Barn events and Future plans</u></p> <p>March 9th: Trading Shed opening and coffee and cakes March 23rd: Lunch and discussion group. Advertise as SHA Question Time – bring your questions, new tenants particularly welcome. April 9th: Café at the Barn April 27th: Lunch and discussion group.</p> <p>Bridge dates: Tues 4th March 10-12 and Friday 21st March 2 - 4pm</p> <p>May 11th: Plant sale</p> <p>Peter's art show at the library: 10th – 15th April</p>	
8.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Allotment Forum</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
11.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>A new tenant on 22C had written in wanting advice about her shed which the previous tenant had told her has asbestos in the roof. We will write to Haringey to ask their advice and request that an asbestos removal company to arrange removal.</p> <p>We will look into setting up a lettings email for dealing with all lettings enquiries.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>25th March 2pm</p>	