

Shepherd's Hill Allotment Association Committee Meeting Minutes 25th January 2025		
	<p>Present; Juliet Mann, Jill Russell, Ian Potts, Garry Doyland, Annie Griffiths, Nevil Yildiz, Jo Sheehan.</p> <p>Apologies: Julie Yogasundram, Trevor Wyatt</p>	
1.	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting: accuracy</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>Jill is going through the documents on our website to update re. the bonfire ban and any other updates needed. She will circulate before the next meeting.</p> <p>No further updates on proposals for the playing field. Jo will follow up with Patrick Cozier again in the spring.</p> <p>Jo is liaising with the insurance company about the total value the site is insured for. Post-meeting note: Jo circulated email indicating that the £40K value we have should suffice.</p> <p>Tim had given an estimate of £350 to remove the caravan on 103B. This was approved by the committee and a job for Tim once he has finished work on the trading shed.</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
3.	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <p>The ground work is progressing well on the trading shed. Instead of taking up the old slab Tim is putting 6" concrete on top with wire mesh, which will raise the height of the building and will mean having a ramp up to the doors.</p> <p>The new shed will be delivered some time after 11th Feb.</p> <p>A new hole has appeared in the fencing near the car park which we assume is where the recent intruders broke in. Post meeting note: Jo will write to Victoria to request that Haringey repairs this.</p> <p>There is more work to do on the composting area – a job for a future maintenance working party.</p> <p>Garry has cleared some blocked drains.</p> <p>Pathway up from the WV car park to the nearby plot with the caravan urgently needs improving. It was agreed to get 2 bags of</p>	<p>IP</p> <p>JS</p> <p>IP/GD</p>

	<p>hardcore at £80/bag to use here; Garry and Ian to work out the logistics of getting these on site.</p> <p>We agreed it's time to replace the old battered wheelbarrows. We will buy 8 new hard wheeled barrows, and will build a new wheelbarrow park by the woodchip bays. Ian to investigate costs.</p> <p>Next maintenance working party: Sunday 2nd Feb – clearing out around the Barn, fencing, and build a new bay for wheelbarrow.</p>	IP
5.	<p><u>Site inspections/probationers and lettings</u></p> <p>We currently have 5 plots to let. Juliet to request more names from the waiting list.</p> <p>We added 25 new names to the waiting list at the beginning of January, and updated the auto-reply to info@ emails and the home page of the website to indicate the waiting list is now closed again until Jan 26. The good news is that the wait time has come down considerably, and most recently is only about two years. Jill to clarify with two applicants from the same address that our preferred practice is one plot per household.</p>	JR
5.	<p><u>Trading shed</u></p> <p>Potato day is on the 9th Feb and will take place in the Barn, with tea and cakes on sale. Jill to set up a poll to ask for cakes and help on the day.</p> <p>We agreed last year to put up the subs to £5/year. Jill to produce a list of tenants and plot numbers for the trading shed, and Juliet will send a list of co-workers.</p>	JR JR
6.	<p><u>Communication</u></p> <p>Dates for the diary (see below).</p> <p>Subs for trading shed up to £5/annum.</p> <p>Ask all tenants whose sheds were broken into to report the break in to the police as the more reports they get the more likely they are to investigate. Jill to report Barn break in to police.</p> <p>Send out yet another reminder not to dump anything anywhere.</p>	JR
7.	<p><u>Barn events and Future plans</u></p> <p>Potato day 9th Feb 11am -2pm</p> <p>Maintenance working party Sunday 2nd Feb 10.30am</p>	

	<p>No lunch on 26th Jan</p> <p>Bridge dates: Tues 4th Feb 10.30 and 28th Feb Fri 2.00</p>	
8.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Jo presented her financial report. Our estimated year end balance (31st March 2025) is £10,225.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Allotment Forum</u></p> <p>Juliet had circulated notes from the recent meeting. At the meeting Victoria indicated that Haringey would not be in a position to issue NCNs to tenants who ignored a bonfire ban, which seemed to contradict what she had written to us in support of our bonfire ban last year.</p>	
11.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>We had received an email from a tenant who thought our bonfire ban was “extreme and unnecessary” and that it was hypocritical to be using a wood burning stove in the Barn. We discussed this and agreed to respond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiterating our rationale for introducing the ban • Making the point that the wood burning stove serves a functional purpose in heating the Barn, enabling us to run a range of knowledge-sharing and social events and grow the allotment community. It is a DEFRA approved one that minimises pollution, and only uses dried wood that burns cleanly, which was certainly not the case for many bonfires on site. <p>Ian to get a quote for someone to come and take away the old wheelbarrows and metal waste.</p> <p>Nev has arranged for someone from the Orchard Meadow project to come and take the generator.</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>IP</p> <p>NY</p>
12.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 18th Feb at 2pm.</p>	