

Minutes of the TGAA Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 23 Chalfont Road

Present:- Tony Hollander (chairman); Neil MacLennan (vice chairman); Rachel Faulkner (secretary); Bob Crabtree (finance); Jonathan Clark (shop & website); Virginia Wallis (lettings secretary); Philip James (machinery)

Apologies: Robin Nicholas; Michael Wheale;

Matters arising: JC has purchased a laminator for essential notices on site to be protected.

Finance: RC confirmed that the finances are in good order.

Wells: Several wells have now been filled in whilst others have been made safe. For a few the necessary improvements remain outstanding, but the plottolders concerned are aware.

Plot Allocation: VW has been in contact with those members with untended plots. The waiting list currently stands at 100. An undergraduate has been employed to clear two plots ready for reletting and to tidy the northern boundary of the allotments.

New Allotment Lease: JC informed the Committee that there is no further news from ODFAA on the lease renewal.

Covid 19: It was agreed that no further advice notices are needed at this stage. However it was decided to cancel the Harvest Supper as concerns still remain about the spread of the virus.

Action: RF to notify members re the cancellation of the Harvest Supper on Saturday 13th November 2021.

- JC to adapt the photo competition for members.

Shared Machinery: PJ advised that the two lawn mowers are nearing the end of their life and the larger one will need replacing before the next growing season. The shared strimmer is heavy to use but many plottolders have purchased lighter rechargeable devices. The large ride on mower will be serviced before the next season.

Bonfires and Compost: MW was thanked in his absence for all his recent work concerning the communal bonfires and compost bins and the clear instructions for their use. The bins have been strengthened making them more robust.

Ponds: David Haynes has cleared quantities of reeds etc from the two ponds. Some of the spoil has been put on Plot 30E with the plottolder's agreement.

Cuttleslowe Larder: Mary Gurr has been grateful for contributions of excess produce donated to this food bank. Problems with disappearing donations have been mitigated as donors are now asked to record what they have given in a booklet attached to the cupboard.

Irrigation system: RN's report will be circulated to all members. NM advised that further documentation of the system would be helpful for aiding any problem solving in the future.

Action: RN to circulate his report to members.

Shop: JC will carry out a stock check before the end of the year. The rota of helpers has worked well. JC is considering stocking strulch next season.

Website: JC will continue to update the website.

Skips: Two skips were needed this Autumn. Members are strongly reminded to read the instructions about which items should be disposed of in a skip. The next skip will be in the Spring.

AOB: Following an enquiry about Public Insurance liability JC confirmed that the TGAA Public Insurance Liability covers the Committee only and not individual members.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 15th February 2022

The meeting finished at 12.20pm