

## 20 September 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes Final

**PRESENT:** Maggy Meade-King (MMK); Rita Drobner (RD); Sally Jones (SJones); Geoff Kemball-Cook (GKC), Don Adams (DA), Sara Jolly (SJolly), Dan Hackett (DH)

Meeting Chair: MMK

Note Taker: RD

### 1. Apologies

Hinchee Hung (HH); Ann Lloyd (AL)

### 2. Volunteer to take minutes: RD

### 3. Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting 8 August 2023

The minutes were approved with one amendment to item 4 **Problem Plots**:

Addition to the paragraph of “**Action:** Plots Subgroup to discuss”

**Matters arising** on 3. Finance Report: The online access issue with Barclays Bank has been resolved.

### 4. Site Secretary Report (GKC)

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#### *a) Tenants Rental Payments*

GKC is still in contact with one tenant reported by Haringey not to have paid their 2023 plot rent.

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#### *b) Problem Plots*

GKC has continued to make inspections and updated a list to be inspected by the Problems Plots subgroup.

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#### *c) Vandalism on Site*

Several reports received of a small number of male youths (aged around 12) messing about with water taps. Repeated sightings by committee members.

**ACTION: All Committee to keep an eye out.**

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#### *d) The Shed Shop*

GKC contacted KG Loach in Cheshire who can step in after the closing down of Horticultural Supplies. They can supply general horticultural goods, seed potatoes, and onions & shallots. Broad beans will be on sale in the shop from this week, and seed potato order forms are available.

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#### *e) Plot requiring voluntary retirement*

The valued tenant has retired their plot which can now be re-let.

Haringey Council presented a letter of thanks for decades of dedicated work by this tenant.

### 5. Update on vacant plots and organisation of working party

S Jones is showing around interested parties and existing plot holders who wish to be swapping plots, letting out vacant plots.

A working party is required to take down dilapidated sheds to make one area more lettable.

**ACTION: GKC and MMK to organise working party**

**6. Proposed new logo (HH)**

Committee found suggested logo very clever, conceptional and artistic (likening it to calligraphy). However, it was found to be too sophisticated, as not clear enough for a logo. It was not considered to work as a flag.

Some felt that HAA should be in clear lettering for either a flag or a logo, and that green should be the colour. Flags get shredded fast in the wind, so any design needs to be durable or simple and reproducible. There is no rush and it will be tricky to get it just right.

**ACTION: All Committee to give it some further thought for discussion on a design brief at the next committee meeting.**

**7. Shed Shop Report (SJolly/GKC)**

See also Site Secretary Report 4.d)

Sales have been slow.

For better ventilation a window had been suggested previously.

**ACTION: Everybody keep looking for a casement window that opens.**

*Change of Opening Times:* until clocks go back on 28<sup>th</sup> October the shop will continue to be open on Wednesday evenings. After that the shop will only open on Sundays.

Sunday opening times will revert back to 12 noon to 2 pm from 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

**8. Lettings and Probationers (MMK)**

Since last meeting two more plots have been re-let. Some probationers have been cutting overzealously their neighbours boundary plants. They have been spoken to and have apologised.

**ACTION: Observe further.**

**9. Equipment hire: purchase of pruning saw was approved.**

**ACTION: Don to contact Hinchee to resolve hire dates**

**10. Problems Plots Sub Group Terms of Reference (SJones)**

1<sup>st</sup> draft of Terms of Reference was tabled and agreed. Group will work further on this draft.

**ACTION: GKC to modify draft as required and convene a meeting of the sub-group via text.**

**11. Picnic report (MMK)**

Although most committee members agreed the date, only MMK and SJones attended. It was a lovely day with just a dozen of people. Great food and fresh cider was enjoyed. Request for a future event: to have it on a Sunday, shorter and a bit later in the day, for example 3-5pm.

**12) Autumn newsletter items:** new Shop hours; co-workers and helpers (GKC); equipment hire dates (HH); broad beans, potato orders; Dan's tips; Rita's recipe. **Deadline for copy Monday 2 Oct**

**13. AOB**

a) Holding an apple pressing day was not achieved this year, but to be aimed for next year.

b) As previously agreed, GKC to make a small laminated sign to advertise the location of the defibrillator.

**14. Date of Next Meeting: 2.30pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, Chair Sara Jolly**