

Agreed Minutes of HAA Committee Meeting 10 May 2023

PRESENT: Maggy Meade-King (MMK); Rita Drobner (RD); Hinchee Hung (HH); Sally Jones (SJones); Geoff Kemball-Cook for latter part of meeting (GKC)

MMK chairing

RD taking notes

1. Apologies

Sara Jolly (SJolly); Ann Lloyd (AL), Don Adams (DA), Geoff Kemball-Cook (GKC) for first part of meeting

2. Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting of the 5 April 2023

The minutes were approved.

3. Matters Arising from 5th April 2023 Committee Minutes

Defibrillator

The defibrillator has been received and is stored in the shop until its outdoor case has been built. **HH** is in the process of designing the box and will invoice for the cost.

Facebook Account

SJ is preparing a new page, in progress.

MailChimp

MMK has received helpful session on layout and **style** and has taken over the administration.

Overshadowing *Leylandii* from neighbouring properties

A response has been received from neighbouring property - there may be a perceived conflict of interest between wildlife value and tree reduction requests from plot holders. Any action on trees will await pending planning applications. Objections to cutting of trees have been raised by the local Conservation Area Advisory Committee (CAC).

4. Bring and Buy Plant Sale on Saturday from 2 pm

Action: **GKC** or **HH** to send out reminder to plot holders.

RD to email committee members for helping out for a stint at the stall.

Shallots will be sold as special offer for £ 1.50 per Kg.

Wheelbarrows and tables will be sorted by price, not by plant type.

Takings split 50/50 between HAA and Harrington Scheme.

HH to bring apron for holding coins and notes. **RD** to bring float, labels and marker pens.

5. New Haringey Documents

Four documents received regarding cultivation, fruit trees, co-working and co-working application form. Received by the committee through email from GKC who has also posted these on the HAA website.

Action: **GKC** to send links or documents out to all plot holders by email. **GKC** to post the cultivation standards and fruit tree rules on the notice board and **MMK** to give to new plot holders.

6. Problem Plots and Pre-Inspection Advisory Group (GKC, DA, DH, MMK, SJ)

Action: **MMK** to suggest some dates for pre-inspections and agree dates by doodle poll.

A list of plots falling short on cultivation to be compiled ahead of council inspection on June 12.

A further list of problem plots where cultivation is undertaken by people other than the plot holders will be compiled. Committee members to report such cases to **MMK** and **GKC** in the first instance, to be discussed the next meeting.

ACTION: **GKC** to write to Council Allotments Officer to reinstate a 'ghost' plot so it can be let + to a neighbouring plot holder with a v small plot to offer them enough land to make up 5 poles.

7. Shed Shop Report

HH reported that the shop had a healthy turnover of £3000 up to May (this includes the sale of honey).

8. Lettings and Probationers (MMK)

One five-pole plot is being shown next week, another may become available, if one of the probationers defers due to current lack of time. Other probationers doing fine.

9. Finance Report (HH)

Healthy balance somewhat depleted by defibrillator purchase. System for tallying and identifying equipment hires on the bank balance to be improved. **Action:** **HH** and **RD** to provide better instructions.

10. Site Secretary Report (GKC)

Overview received by email.

11. Bookshelf in Shop for Donated Gardening Books

Action: **RD** and **AL** to liaise regarding a book shelf for reference books. **RD** to bring a bookcase to sit on the table by the window behind the counter.

12. Equipment Hire Report (HH, RD)

Equipment Hire

Noise of chipper frustrates shop experience. **Action:** for existing bookings move chipper away from shop. Future tool hiring sessions will not coincide with shop opening hours. **HH** to keep battery charger.

Scythe

Agreed: To look into providing a scythe, purchasing one if needed. **DH** and **MMK** to check whether there could be one already on site. H&S instructions will be required.

13. Biodiversity (RD, MMK)

Sunset Bat Walk Proposal

Agreed to undertake sunset bat walks for plot holders from June onwards. These follow the format of the National Bat Monitoring Society and record also other nocturnal wildlife. **RD** did some last year and will get some training in May and a bat detector.

Quiet Zone Proposal

Agreed to request plot holder to kindly respect quiet Sunday afternoons between 3 and 6 pm.

14. Date of Next Meeting: 28th June – Chair SJ