

## **HAA meeting March 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 Agreed Minutes**

### **1. Welcome, present and apologies (HL and GL)**

Present:

Dan Hackett (DH)  
Geoff Kemball Cook (GKC)  
Jim Greenhill (JG) (Chair)  
Maggy Meade-King (MMK)  
Jack Humphrey (JH)  
David Gittings (DG)  
Angelo Guarino (AG)

Apologies:

Hilary Laurie (HL) Graham Laurie (GL)

### **2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 14 January 2018**

Approved with one small modification to item 9 (p2).

### **3. Matters Arising not elsewhere on Agenda**

Recruitment of new Committee Secretary: GKC to ask a couple of possible people directly

### **4. Accounts/Finances: [GL is in S Africa and has sent his apologies]**

Nothing to report

### **5. Site maintenance and security AG & MMK**

Solar-powered lighting – see item 6

GKC, GL and MMK met local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team on the site and discussed possible actions (which can of course include taking no immediate action). Committee discussed these suggestions.

5.1 Replacement of padlocks on the gates with stronger, more effective ones. We considered this would cause too many problems in terms of issuing everyone with keys and the very real issues with emergency services not being to access the site. DH suggested combination locks which are used elsewhere but we would still have a huge problem in informing all tenants of the change, and many would likely forget the combination, perhaps locking themselves on site.

5.2 Installation of CCTV security cameras to survey gates and entrance area. Cameras are now relatively cheap but would require a power source (perhaps from the solar power supply in or near the Shed Shop) and ideally also connection to the internet. The Police advised against installing dummy cameras as they are not much cheaper and – although a deterrent – wouldn't provide the information we need on potential vandals and thieves.

5.3 Install alarms on the Shed. We think these are impractical as none of us actually lives on site and thus wouldn't be around to deal with nuisance to our neighbours.

5.4 Encourage tenants to install effective security on their own sheds and make sure all tools/ladders etc are locked away in sheds.

5.5 New storage container: this would obviously improve security for communal equipment and flammable materials. Proposals for this will be made separately.

5.6 Changing padlock on the Shed Shop. GKC to look into new padlock with ~10 keys

## **6. Grant for Solar powered lighting / CCTV MMK**

MMK made a successful application for a Haringey Ward Grant of £1000 to install solar lighting in both our trading shed and our proposed new secure storage container. An estimate has been obtained for this work which would require some support from HAA funds to make up the full cost. Committee approved this to go ahead once the container (or similar) is in place.

## **7. Shed shop JG**

Order to be placed to top up (including Gro-Bags and ericaceous compost) before Easter. MMK to start rota for spring/summer helpers from Easter.

## **8. Site Secretary report GKC**

Waiting list 96, total wait time less than 2 years

Shipping Container: two things still to check (a) verbal approval from neighbouring properties (Haringey then to follow up) (b) confirmation of lorry access. If either are stumbling blocks we can get a self-assembly high security metal shed. Foundations – more groundwork needed for container than self-assembly.

## **9. Lettings report MMK**

Comfortable handovers, ticking along nicely

Since the last Committee Meeting, the following plots have been let: **K1A, P6B, H7 and R5A.**

They are all very keen and have made a good start on cultivating their plots, given the time of year. Three sets of people at the top of the list deferred taking a plot and GKC has altered the Waiting List accordingly.

Next week, MMK to show **F1C** to prospective tenants.

## **10. Probationers DH**

Nothing to report

## **11. Newsletter: [HL is in S Africa and has sent her apologies]**

DH: will provide list of shed shop products for advice on fertilizer use.

GKC to provide a list of items,

## **12. Website JH**

GKC: tenants to be invited to submit photos.

Suggestion to link Facebook group feed with HAA website?

## **13. Manure and compost deliveries DH & GKC**

Thompson's manure is popular and convenient, no need to pursue previous costly bulk manure deliveries,

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of May – EcoCompost delivery, five barrowloads per plot maximum

## **14. Environmental management DH**

Chipper – how to disseminate knowledge of chipper and train people? Word of mouth or full public access? GKC stressed need for effective training, use of supplied safety equipment and need to pre-prepare tree cuttings before use.

## **15. Rubbish removal DG**

Quotes for skip around £350

A date was agreed – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Will be advertised by email the night before.

Payment for tenants using the skip was discussed.

## **16. Haringey Allotment Forum GKC**

16.1 Haringey Allotment Coordinator post still not filled.

16.2 Uplift to annual repairs grant still not decided.

16.3 Next Inspection time not yet clear, possibly in April.

## **17. AOB**

DG presented the likely costs of bringing mains electricity on site - probably £3000 including construction. Thought not to be cost-effective considering the solar power alternative.

DG also suggested installing a Velux window into the Shed Shop roof would improve use in daylight.

Reminder that HAA Barbecue and Plant Sale is set for 8<sup>th</sup> of July.

## **18. Chair for Next Committee meeting: 6 May 2018**

DH agreed to chair