**GLEBE ROAD ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday 20th June 2024**

Committee – Wilf Whatmore (Chair), Keith Robinson (Sec/Treasurer), Dodie Brown, Robert Caley, ~~Graeme Harman~~, John Franks, ~~Amanda Woodward~~, Alison Thomas, Avril Rennard, George Roockley, Sue Christophers. [11]

1. Chairman opening remarks + Welcome
2. Chair – Apologies:- Graeme, Amanda
3. Chair – Approved the minutes for 23rd May 2024
4. Sec - Matters arising (action points) from minutes
   1. Letters sent etc see plot manager report below
   2. Hummersknot’s Malcolm Harding agreed to Judge our plots.

**AGREED ASK JUDGE TO ATTEND AROUND THE SAT 6TH JULY**

* 1. Defibrillator – will need power for heated cabinet – solar apparently OK. Bellburn Lane were going to get back to me with their experience.

**SEC: MORE INFORMATION REQUIRED**

* 1. Buy weed killer – **done**
  2. **Grease for barrier jockey wheel and hinges**

**ACTION GEORGE: GREASE THE GATES.**

1. **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
   1. **Correspondence in/out from** **members** since last meeting:-
      * 1. Sent to all - Info about NAS Liability insurance
        2. To Pippa cannabis smoking – she thought would be a classed as anti social behaviour and therefore banned. Was going to come back to me with further info but none received.
        3. Thieving from plot 11 – email sent to members.
        4. Plot 28A Wilf and Keith met with the plot holder about alleged issues and a follow up letter setting the discussion and agreement was sent to the plot holder.
   2. **Correspondence in/out** **externa**l since last meeting:-
      * 1. Plot applications - below
        2. NAS additional members insurance
        3. East Riding – various
        4. NAS – National Allotment Week 12-18 Aug.

**AGREED WE WOULD OPEN SITE TO THE PUBLIC ON SAT 17TH AUGUST. LOW INPUT MAYBE TEAS AND VEG STALL.**

* + - 1. BARMPTON LANE - waiting list 33
      2. Five arches – cannabis and unsociable behaviour.
  1. **Secretary other issues:-**
     + 1. BUDGET SEEDS – willing to pay us £50 per year to have his advert board on out gate – I said A3 max size. Based in John Dobbin Str. Up from Vallet Str. Has bedding compost etc in addition to seeds.

**ACTION SEC: CONTACT BUDGET SEEDS REF ABOVE**

* + - 1. **CAMERAS** – two gone missing over past year. Currently one on shop, one looking down top lane, one covers gate. Suggest move shop one to cover folks dumping by the container. But new one for mid and bottom lane (Cost IRO £35). Remember to remove before hedge cutting!

**ACTION SEC: AGREED TO BUY TWO NEW CAMERAS.**

**ACTION JOHN: MAINTAIN CAMERAS BATTERIES AND SD CARDS.**

* + - 1. **FIRES** – new problem due to polytunnels. The committee considered the following options:-

i. Ban fires altogether? Take your stuff to the tip?

* + 1. Fires only by container car park only when wind blowing away from houses?
    2. No fires on a plot if a polytunnel is on an adjacent plot?

Due to the increasing number of polytunnels and ill feeling caused and the likelihood of polytunnel damage from fires.

**The committee agreed the following resolution:-**

**There is no need for fires on the allotment site, rubbish should be taken to the tip. If want to have a fire please note the following rules. 1. Fires are not permitted on any plot. 2. Fires can only be set in the container car park in a bin stood on the paving slabs provided. 3. Fires can only be set when the wind is blowing away from neighbouring houses and plots. 4. Please do not dump rubbish for burning by the container only bring to the burning area when you are ready to have a fire.**

* + - 1. **Open Day date**

**AGREED: -SUNDAY 28TH JULY**

* + - 1. No dumping sign by container – OK - **YES**

1. **PLOTS MANAGER** – report.
   1. Waiting List:
      * 1. Numbers on list – [55ish]
        2. New applications since last meeting – [6]
   2. Vacant/Condition Report –
      * 1. Plot 11 Given up plot - split and taken by Catherine and Heather Agreed not to charge for damaged shed and greenhouse.
        2. Plot 27A had ADVISORY has been down but not 85% may be 5%.

**AGREED:- SEND WARNING LETTER**

* + - 1. Plot 33 – Is giving up plot at the end of year – has agreed to give up half and give up other half at the end of year.
      2. Plot 36 took on plot in Feb has turned over plot but not much cultivation – **AGREED:- give him a chance.**
      3. Plot 44 no cultivation again this year –

AGREED: give plot 44 a ring check if any problems and pass on committee’s concern about non cutivation.

* + - 1. Plots with Mares Tail 11, 27A, 28A more?

1. **TREASURER** 
   1. BANK BALANCE on 18.6.24 **£3908.56** Last month £4163.96
   2. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE explained.
   3. Questions for Treasurer -
2. **H&S** –**(GRAEME**) – ANY ISSUES? ANY INCIDENTS? – NONE
3. **EQUIPMENT (GRAEME)** ANY ISSUES? –
   * + 1. Lean to green house for shop – in process
4. **SHOP MANAGER**

**Issues: -** Chicken pellets to buy

1. **MISC ISSUES – SUGGESTIONS -NONE**
2. **OUTSTANDING JOBS ?**
   * + 1. By shop blue bin full of glass and pottery – pls help to the tip.
       2. Toilet floor needs some support.
       3. New fence plot 11

**12 AOB –**

Darlington Amateur Gardener’s Club advice about meetings

Email etc Open Day

MEETING CLOSED 8pm. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**:** Thursday 11th July 7PM DSRM

Next General Meeting 01st August 7.30pm