

## MINUTES OF ALLY PALLY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING 17/3/13

**Present** - Robert Hare, Peter Campbell, John Wilkinson, Arthur Leigh, Jill Pullan, Evelyn Regan, Alison Liney.

**Apologies for absence** - Sally Chubb, Pamela Harling. Absent - Jessica York

**Minutes** of 9/12/12 meeting - accepted

**Matters arising** - 10% off cards designed and in the pipeline. Bob awaits a reply from Mark Evison, manager of Alexandra Park, re wild flower verges.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

**Allotment boundary** - Bob is working with our council officer, Clare Pappalardo, to protect the boundary in three areas of Grove Lodge Meadow where there are incursions onto the site.

1) The new fence post above plot 27 is inaccurately positioned.

2) The new fence above plot 35 and 3) the fence above plot 44 have encroached onto the site.

**Bees** - Fred Clarke has had a dreadful year, made worse by the theft of a hive. If Fred agrees, Bob will email the allotments list suggesting a donation of 5 pounds. Peter Campbell will receive donations in the trading shed and will ask Colin Roberts if he can receive them at other times.

**Website** - in the pipeline. John Wilkinson is looking into a means of putting a map of the site on the website.

### SITE SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Lettings** - Waiting list 201. All plots let. We have 9 probationary tenants. **Buildings** - Ali Salci got permission from the council for the green house he has built at the back of his plot 49B AP.

**Top path** - Bob to clear the soil we dumped by the new fence above plot 35 GLM and to speak to the householder concerned about the sheet of plastic poking over the fence above plot 27 GLM.

**Rubbish collection** - Alison will try to arrange it for week beginning 15th April. Work party to clear rubbish from plot 6A AP provisionally arranged for 11a.m Sunday 14th April. Alison to confirm.

### REPAIRS and IMPROVEMENTS

**Trees** - Bob, Peter Campbell and Alison commissioned Pete Oliver to reduce the saplings growing along the fence above Grove Lodge Meadow by Terry Osborne's plot and Mavis and Colin's plot and to clear the growth in the hedgerow below the trading shed and behind plots 39, 43 and 45 GLM. Cost 80.00.

**Alison to make tenants aware** that they will be responsible for clearing their own rogue trees in future.

**Fitting taps with non-return valves** - Bob and Alison went round with Colin to establish what was needed. Alison confirmed that Colin has done it all except for filling in the hole round the new stop cock on Ernie's old plot and putting in a new post for the stand pipe by plot 44 GLM. Cost 575.00 **Money back** - The council will add £334 to the annual budget (£966 in 2012) to repay us for the stolen taps and Colin's work on the stop cock (150.00)

**Procedure for carrying out site repairs** - the meeting agreed with Peter Campbell that any schedule for works should always go to him as Treasurer and that the works should be inspected before payment was made.

**Notice board - congratulations** to Colin on the ingenuity displayed in making the new notice board by the top gate.

## **SECURITY**

**Barbed wire notices** - Colin and Alison met Clare and she approved the placing of barbed wire along the fence bordering Alexandra Palace Way at the bottom of plots 6A and 7B Alexandra Park. She did not approve placing it along the edge of Graham's plot, 1A AP at the bottom of the hill because it is too low. Clare has ordered four notices which should come to 158.40 including VAT but there may be a delivery charge. Alison should get them on April 12th.

Cost of barbed wire - 10 x 15m rolls - 150.00 + 30.00 VAT = 180.00

**Proposed extra fence bottom of plot 6A AP** - Graham will remove the ash tree for 40.00. Alison to arrange a site meeting with Bob and Colin and Peter to determine what else is needed.

**Blackthorn** - Bpb to a) contact Mark Evison about obtaining a supply, b) arrange a planting work party.

**Security problem** - Tommy saw two men handing bags of compost over Graham's hedge. We have stuck prickly twigs in the gaps and Graham is digging away the mound of earth from beside the hedge.

**Cameras** - John has discovered that we are not obliged to put up warning notices, under RIPA.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Reserve a/c 1000.00. Current a/c will be just over 400.00 once Colin has been paid. We have spent a lot this year but there has been a backlog of work. Peter asked for all outstanding bills to be presented before he does the accounts for this financial year. Harry Pullan has kindly agreed to audit the accounts.

## **PLANT SALE 26th MAY**

Bob will re-email for volunteers and set up a planning meeting

## **SOCIAL SHED**

Bob will contact Sally, Pamela and Jo Barrett who have expressed interest in managing coffee mornings etc.

## **ALLOTMENTS FORUM**

Alison was pleased to report that the council proposal to double rents had been withdrawn. The forum now looks forward to working with the council to draw up an improvement plan for Haringey Allotments.

## **AOB**

**Compost** - Bob is waiting to hear from Mark Evison about a possible delivery of compost.

**Compost Toilet** - Arthur will send the committee the link to the Kazuba website. He urged us to read the information on our type of toilet.

**Donations for Sue Ritchie** - Sally has sent a cheque for 60.00 to Marie Curie Cancer Care. Many thanks to Jill and Harry for their hospitality.

**AGM - Saturday July 6th 4pm** – possible Social/BBQ afterwards

**NEXT MEETING - Saturday June 15th 2pm** meeting shed

