

MINUTES

In attendance - Stuart, Ella, Jane, Evie, France & Franklin.

1. Apologies were received from Emma, Glen, John & George
2. Chairs introduction and future meeting dates. Committee meetings will take place every three months on the on the 1st Tuesday of the every third month. For 2023/24 this means the next meetings will be held on September 5th, December 5th, March 4th all held at British Oak at 7pm and ending no later than 9pm. Meetings to start promptly or as soon a quorate. The 23/24 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on the last Sunday of April (April 28th) at the Allotment Site Shop. Items for the Agenda will be submitted to the Secretary no later than a week before the meeting date.
3. Minute taking and circulation. As the Secretary is not able to attend the Chair will take minutes. These will be circulated to the membership no later than a month after the meeting. They will also be posted on the notice board.
4. Items for Any Other Business (AOB) were noted.
5. Report from the Site Officer - A number of plots had been inspected and a number issues raised - these included:
 1. the pathways between 98a & 99b. It was decided that in order to facilitate access for the families special needs the pathway will remain. (Jane to provide very brief summary if necessary)
 2. The allocation of plots to each member of the committee was very new so it was too soon to report back on progress or issues although committee members felt that communication with their respective plot holder was difficult. It was suggested that Jane will provide mobile numbers of members to each committee members to facilitate communication.
 3. The road way between plot 104 and 80a must be cleared of all obstructions, weeds and illegal planting etc. All affected plot holder to take action before next meeting date.
 4. A number of warning letters and and two eviction notices had been issued. Meetings between plot holders and the executive had been arranged to discuss these matter with plot holders.

Item 6 - Boundary wall discussion & decision -the options were explored and it was agreed that the Holding Tank option rather than Swale would work better for the Association in providing the reassurance against flooding. However, clarification from Greenwich Builds was needed regarding contingency planning if and when the tank should over fill, alternative parking whilst the new boundary all was under construction and the height of the fencing on top of the boundary wall. The Chair to write to Greenwich Builds.

Item 7 - Cultivation Policy - the cultivation policy was discussed in detail and suggested improvement and clarification agreed. The policy was adopted by a vote. Additional items will be redrafted by the Chair in relation to size of ponds to be no larger than 1.5m² and no deeper than 450mm deep. Permaculture as a growing process was not to be allowed under any circumstances. No dig growing styles were to be maintained weed free. No single cropping or monoculture will be allowed from April 2024.

AOB -

1. communication across membership must improve and the Executive will take actions to ensure this is made possible
2. Toilet use - nappies and sanitary towels MUST NOT be put down the toilet.
3. A News Letter will be developed and will be circulated to all members on a half yearly basis.

4. Surplus crops - we will establish relationships with appropriate Food Banks or umbrella organisation to share our surplus crops with the local community. Francis and Franklin kindly offered to contact the Felix Trust to explore arrangements.
5. Coffee Morning have worked well but need more volunteers to keep these going. Members are asked to help in the organisation of these events. They should contact Emma, Stuart or Ella to volunteer.
6. August BBQ - 22nd July 2023. More information will be circulated on arrangements. We will need volunteers bakers, cooks etc to provide a diverse and yummy food and social, experience.
7. Next meeting will include the development of a New financial management and budgeting process. A new reserves and current account policy etc.

Next meeting: 5th September 2023

Stuart Mulholland - June 2023