



**Minutes of Henley Allotments' Association Committee Meeting
13th May 2019**

Present: David Chilvers, Doug Richards, Peter Anderson, Sharon Oldham, Tony Robinson

1. Apologies for Absence: Barry Tindall, Lewis Every, Mandy Taylor
2. Minutes of the last meeting: passed as correct
3. Matters arising from previous minutes: attached sheet
4. Treasurer's report:
 - NASLG membership paid
 - Very few transactions on the bank account
 - Manure arrived in April
 - RHS Day postponed - we need someone to take on planning social events
 - Search for new bank in the light of Santander closure:
 - DC enquired to all banks remaining in Henley on their provision of banking for associations
 - HSBC responded in two days - they offer a full range of banking options for associations; decision to open an account with them
5. Secretary's report:
 - The NAS are offering a Rodent Control Course - the nearest one is in Bromley; DC may attend
 - We have been invited to attend the Chelsea Fringe in Henley 2019 Floral Drinks Party, Friday 24th May, 6 - 8pm, The Old Fire Station Gallery.
6. Watermans Renovation Plan:
 - Plot marking is underway
 - Pedestrian gate lock is pending
 - New plot outline has been completed - pinned to noticeboard and awaiting feedback
 - TR/SO to work to match names with new plot outline; TR/DR to establish process for managing plots/holders
 - PA to supply white board for plot vacancies
 - Pilot scheme: plot still a work in progress; agreed that glass is to be removed in the next week and SO to assist with sorting if required
7. Watermans:
 - One five pole plot to be evicted (HTC pending)
 - Two starter plots are not being used
 - Five on the waiting list
 - Waterproof container required for the first aid kit
 - Car speed is causing a dust problem - DR to purchase speed limit signs
 - There is a tree leaning on the shed belonging to Plot 45 - HTC informed and as of 8th May, Parks Dept was going to look at it ASAP

- There will be a tree survey in Watermans Spinney mid June
- Details of vandalism sent to HTC, who spoke to Green Square Group who manage the estate to ask if they could put a more robust fence up; Green Square responded that they could not contribute at this time. More discussions on what to do required.

8. Greencroft:

- Lewis is out of action for six weeks
- A fence has been added across plot one to stop the cricket club driving through
- David Cook has offered to get a quote for a new "no cricket club parking" sign (current one refers to clamping) - SO to check with Council on requirements and budget
- There are problems with deer - it looks as though they are getting in through the gap at the end gate by the cricket club (the gate is not high enough) - SO to check who owns the gate

9. Website & Publicity: none

10. Social Events:

- Plant Sale:
 - HTC requires risk assessment - SO to arrange
 - Liaison with Greenshoots - SO
 - Tables to be booked with HTC - SO
 - Volunteers required - SO/MT mailing
 - Plants required - SO to ask Andrew Hawkins if he will be collection point
 - DR to be collection point for rhubarb
- Visit to RHS Wisley has had to be postponed. We desperately need a volunteer to take on organising social events - Doug to approach Marisa

11. AOB:

- AGM planning
 - possibly hold in last 10 days of October - SO to check requirements for sending out documentation
 - 9th September meeting - pre-AGM/prep
 - Will need a meeting a week before the AGM
 - Look to sending out the documents electronically
- Peter Herbert suggested winners of best plot should be part of the judging panel - to discuss at next meeting
- Water: following last year's summer and current lack of rain, can we find a course on water harvesting/dealing with lower water levels/soil improvement? SO to approach Thames Water and Environment Agency

12. Dates of next meeting: 3rd June; 15th July; 9th September