

## Minutes of TGAA Committee Meeting

Held at 11 a.m. at 23 Chalfont Road on 18th June 2024 .

**Present:** Tony Hollander (Chairman), Neil MacLennan (Vice Chairman), Martin Fleminger (Lettings Secretary), Jonathan Clark (Shop, Website, Skips), Andrew Parsons (Machinery), Richard Gordon (Pest Control), Robin Nicholas (Water System).

**Apologies:** Rachel Faulkner, Bob Crabtree, Michael Wheale.

**Matters Arising:** Neil and Sally MacLennan were given belated thanks for supplying the wine at the AGM.

**Finance:** RC reported (by email) that we had £18 K credit in our bank account.

**Plot Allocations:** MF reported on the last plot inspection held on 13th June. There had been 9 replies to 17 letters sent out; outcomes are currently pending.

A reminder that plots need to be identified with numbers will be sent out.

Potential difficulties associated with employing paid gardeners were discussed.

The code for the entry gates is to be changed by JC.

**Pest control:** RG explained his rat control policy using bait boxes in fours at problem sites. Kitchen waste on the site was to be discouraged to reduce food resources for rats; this topic is to be discussed at next AGM. Reinforcing the steel mesh of the northern fence will be investigated.

**Machinery:** AP said all machines are in good order. The old small mower has been discarded.

A laminated notice about safe use of machinery is to be applied to the shed door and another inside the machinery shed.

AP is to instruct employed gardeners on machinery use.

AP would try out his hedge trimmer to cut back vegetation on the boundary fence.

**Bonfire and Compost:** MW notified us (by email) that all was in order and the bins were to be turned over in due course.

**Trees and Pruning:** JC contacted the council tree officer a week ago for pollarding the willows but has had no reply. TH was compiling a list of trees for adjustment or felling within the site to be dealt with in the autumn.

**Shop and Skip:** JC reported that the shop was stocked and running as usual. The full skip will be removed tomorrow.

**Water System:** RN has allocated the spare trough to plot 54 at their request and he will effect the connections to the system. The trees sheltering the solar panels need to be trimmed back.

**AOB :** Phil & Jim School's neighbourly agreement for TGAA to use their car park from 24th July until 4th August during the SSE cable installation work was appreciated.

SMI has been booked for the Harvest Supper on 16th November and for next year's AGM on 25th March.

Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 15th October.

The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.