

Minutes of the TGAA Committee meeting held on October 14th 2008 at 23, Chalfont Road, Oxford.

Present: Tony Hollander, chairman; Neil MacLennan, vice-chairman; John Porter, treasurer; Kate Lack, secretary; Carol Jarvis/Vibeke Mannion, lettings secretaries; Stuart Skyte, website and social; Bob Crabtree, treasurer in waiting. **Apologies:** Peter Jarvis.

Matters arising:

- 1 **Walton Well Road bridge** – KL reported that the matter is pending a feasibility study by the County Council and Network Rail into the possibility of making the bridge a single lane for vehicles.
- 2 **Rent rebate** – no progress to date. KL to ask how Cripsey Meadow received
- 3 **Use of shared machinery** - JP reported that paperwork now in machine shed. Members required to sign that have read the safety manual and starting sequence. JP to provide committee members with a copy. TH suggested that repairs and petrol be funded from TGAA funds rather than asking for contributions from members. The committee agreed.

Agenda

- 1 **Fencing/paths** – TH reported that Ian Sheppard to arrange for rabbit fencing to be raised, to fix lock to new Port Meadow vehicle gate and spring loaded closing to pedestrian gate as interim measure until fencing complete and a co-ordinated locking system installed. IS to arrange for gaps underneath new fencing to be blocked up. Painting for cosmetic reasons to be done spring/summer 2009. Plots will need to be reduced along the eastern boundary to allow for new fencing and mowable pathway. TH to advise plotholders. **Action TH**
 - 2 **Gates/locks** – Committee agreed to await finalised fencing, then decide on system. Railway crossing and car park – NM reported that no conclusive outcome to the recent meeting with Network Rail and Phil and Jim School.
 - 3 **Working parties** – TH reported that pond reeds need to be cleared.
 - 4 **Harvest supper** – SS reported that all going to plan. 32 entries for the photo competition. Committee to help with setting up from 5.30pm.
 - 5 **Lettings update** – usual plots still neglected. 22 on the waiting list.
 - 6 **Treasurer transfer** – JP to stand down end December. TH thanked JP for all his work over the 10 years that he has looked after TGAA funds. JP and BC to meet for handover.
 - 7 **Soil survey** – TH reported that Karen Seal to arrange for sampling and testing for pollution and give general view of results and how they measure up against revised government standards.
 - 8 **Trees** – TH reported that the willow on S Wolton's plot had been cut down. TH to look at general situation re willows on the site. JP suggested the planting of an apple orchard on the very wet sites. The committee agreed. JP to research and co-ordinate. **Action JP**
 - 9 **Rabbits** – PJ to ask Tony Brind to address problem of rabbits and rats on site. Re Fiona Mackay's concern about the shooting of rabbits on the site, the committee agreed to await consensus view at the AGM. **Action PJ**
 - 10 **Roundup problem** – Martin Carr concerned that use not compatible with organic gardening. **Manure problem** – VM to check her manure supplies re aminoparalid content. SS to ask Jonathan Clark to put advice on website. **Action SS**
 - 11 **Shop** – VM reported that has spent £3800 and given JP £5100. Congratulated.
- AOB** – Bonfire – concern re size. John Ashby dealing with burning.