

Minutes of the TGAA committee meeting held at 23, Chalfont Road, Oxford at 7.30 March 10th, 2009.

Present: Tony Hollander (chairman), Neil McLennan (Vice chairman), Bob Crabtree (treasurer), Kate Lack (secretary), Carol Jarvis (lettings), Vibeke Mannion (lettings), Peter Jarvis (pest control) and Jonathan Clark (webmaster).

1. Treasurer

Bank account- BC had set up an RBS account. Signatories are TH, BC and VM. There was an internet banking facility.

Rents – invoices sent out to members end of February. A reminder to go out end April and again end May, with a £10 penalty for late payers.

AGM – John Porter to present 2008 accounts and BC to speak to changes since Christmas.

Database – JC to keep a central database on the website which would be secure and accessible only to committee members for reference and updating.

2. Constitution

TH attended a meeting at the Town Hall with Jim Campbell, Phil and Jim rep, and Council staff land surveyor to discuss the triangle and access to the site via railway. No conclusive outcome.

3. N.E. corner

Orchard – JP had purchased 5 apple trees. NM had found that apple trees might not do as well as pear and damson in such wet conditions. NM to communicate with JP. JP had provided a plan (see attached) for the NE corner. The committee agreed to put the plan into action. Should cost approx £750.

Bees – re Joe Lee's request – the committee agreed in principle, that bees could be kept in the NE corner, on condition that the bee keeper is properly trained and equipped. Joe to be invited to attend the AGM and present his ideas for beekeeping. **Action KL**

Hardcore – TH suggested hard core needed around the NE corner to enable access by tractors etc. Committee agreed to reassess when ground dried out.

3. Pest control

Agreed that it was the position of the committee that rabbits and other pests should be controlled by trapping and killing them. The outcome of the AGM should be a confirmation of this.

4. Plant sale

PJ - Date of the plant sale May 24th. The hall is booked.

5. Polytunnels

Dimensions must be within the shed policy criteria. **Action KL**

6. Soil analysis – Karen Seal to provide results shortly.

7. AGM

Reports – Chairman then Treasurer then Lettings Secs, then Social, then Plant Sale then Website

8. AOB

Rent rebate – no news yet, Deborah Ceadel's request – rejected, Flood Access – No progress on access from footbridge to Port Meadow gate.

Plot boundaries – JC, encroachment of plots into path. Too narrow.

Markers to be put in place when plot changes hands. Locks – no significant problems. All equipment serviced.

The meeting ended at 10.00 pm