

Minutes of the TGAA Committee meeting held at 11am at 23 Chalfont Road on Tuesday 21st June

Present: Tony Hollander (Chairman), Neil MacLellan (vice Chairman), Rachel Faulkner (Secretary), Bob Crabtree (Finance), Jonathan Clark (Shop, website), Virginia Wallis (Lettings Secretary), Robin Nicholas (Water System)

Apologies: Philip James, Michael Wheale

Matters arising: The sycamore trees on the south side border of the allotments still require pruning by Oxford Direct Services.

Action:- JC to contact Julian Cooper (Oxford Direct Services) re the pruning of the sycamore trees on the south side border.

Finances: RC reported that the current balance stands at £14,500

Machinery: Prior to the meeting PJ had confirmed that the new mower was working well and has been well received by members. The tiller has been repaired and is waiting for collection from Meadhams. JC has bought an angle grinder which is kept in the machinery shed. This is not for general use but is necessary equipment for disposing of the metal tops on some of the disused wells.

Compost and Bonfires: A summary had been received from MW. The compost is improved with turning and is popular with members. RN and a team of helpers have installed a 'Jubilee Memorial tap' near the compost bins which can be used to water the compost heaps when needed.

Plot Letting: One or two members have given up their plots this year and these have been re-let. One vacant plot needs strimming before it can be offered to two new ploholders. The waiting list remains at over 100.

Arthur is once again available to provide help to members for £12.50/per hour or a fixed sum by agreement.

Action: Members of the Committee will carry out an inspection of the plots on Wednesday June 29th at 11am.

Water System: RN has recently cut back creeper growth around the solar panel and water container and the system continues to work well. Nearby willows cause some morning shading and need pollarding to maximise the effect of the solar panels.

- **Action:- NMacL to form a working party to carry out remaining pollarding as necessary.**
- **NMacL to contact members re responsible use of the system** (no overnight watering and turning off taps before leaving the plot)

Shop: JC reported good use of the shop and prices offer good value.

Ponds, Trees and Wells: The well on Plot 6e still needs to be filled in. This would be assessed at the plot inspection on June 29th. Problem trees wrongly positioned or needing

considerable pruning were discussed. It was suggested that they could be replaced by dwarf fruiting trees.

Website: JC has found a cheaper internet provider.

AOB Subletting of plots was deferred to the next meeting.

Dispute resolution and play equipment insurance were also deferred to the next meeting.

A request for a larger shed on one of the plots was discussed briefly. The owner would be asked to submit a formal request giving measurements and placement details.

RF to book the SMI for the 2023 AGM on March 28th

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday October 18th at 11am.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm.