

Minutes of Fairfield's Garden Allotments Committee

Thursday 24 September 2010

Attendees: Felicity Chapple (Plot 13), Helen Armstrong (Plot 23), Tony Lavers (Plot 10), Bob Pullin (Plot 9), Louise Marshall (Plot 1),

Apologies: Vivienne Ravenhill (Plot 18),

Steward's Report: Bob updated the committee on the site. He has fixed the back wall to Shed 3 and this will now be a Community Shed. Keys to be held by Bob, Tony and Felicity/Louise.

Plot 8 had been reported as poorly maintained and the plot holders, Ross and Gemma, have resigned their plot. Felicity to contact Belinda to confirm next person on list and arrange for an Agreement to be sent .

Bob's Roles and Responsibilities as Site Steward were discussed, and he agreed the draft R&R document put together with Haha's assistance. However the committee had concerns over Bob contacting ploholders direct in cases of them not keeping to the terms of their agreement (Item 4), and agreed that they would prefer Bob to report any incidents at the next meeting and for the committee to agree the best way forward. The R&R document to be updated to reflect this.

Plot 22 has been offered to Duncan Grieg but the rent has not yet been received.

Bob also reported that some plot holders had plants overlapping the path. (see **Newsletter** section).

Bob is going to check the 'waste' ground with Tony to find out if the soil is good enough to be cultivated. FGAA has been offered some topsoil and it is proposed to enrich it with that, but the raised bordering may not be required. Bob/Tony to report back at the next meeting.

Haha relationship: Recent communications between Haha committee members and members of the FGAA Committee have resulted in a difficult relationship . The committee discussed this at length and agreed how they saw the split of responsibilities between Haha and FGAA. A letter to be composed and agreed by all committee members, and sent to Haha in advance of their next meeting. Committee agreed that we would have a FGAA mailbox for all communications (fairfieldsgaa@gmail.com). Felicity and Louise to attend the Haha meeting on 12 October.

Newsletter: Louise agreed to write a newsletter for all plot holders covering topics such as Bob's role, weeds, plants overlapping paths, the vandalism, and good news stories.

Water Butts: These are now brimming over. Tony to get help to trim back the branches overhanging the roofs, so that we can capture more water in future. Temporary netting and tops have been put on the bins, although a more permanent solution will need to be implemented in the future.

Social Events: As November 5th falls on a Friday it was agreed that we would have a Bonfire Party with carved pumpkins/vegetables, hot dogs, pumpkin soup and for allotment holders to bring along sparklers if they wanted. Start 7.00. Notices to be put up soon.

Committee Roles: Vivienne finds it difficult to attend the meetings so Helen volunteered to swap roles with her, as it was seen that the Treasurer's role would be easier for her to manage. Vivienne and Helen to do a handover after Helen returns from the States on 19 October.

AOB: Agreed that we need to have a Site Meeting for all Plot Holders. Planned to be in New Year and form a social evening. More details to be published.

Date of Next Meeting : Not yet planned because of holidays. Will be held after HAHA meeting (12 October) so that committee can discuss outcome of meeting.