

**Minutes of EWAA Committee Meeting
Thursday 22nd March 7.30pm**

Chair: Stuart Young **Minutes:** Valerie Wardlaw
Present: Andy Henson, Helen Costello, Cari Morningstar, Alan Hart, Derek Bloomfield, Pat Mansfield,
Apologies: Jane Millar, Jane Nimmo-Smith, Jean Tiller

<p>Minutes of last meeting- matters arising Plot labelling has halted as current labels are not working- will look into alternatives. Andy continuing to sort out obscure boundaries Translation- HC will pass to VW for sign outside allotment Shop- HC can't find any gloves cheap enough to stock in the shop</p>	<p>Derek/ Andy Helen/ Valerie</p>
<p>Chair's update SY attended Federation AGM & Forum- an Allotment Strategy for Oxford will be developed, a maintenance team for allotments was requested, a dedicated Allotments Officer post should continue, and allotments should be kept informed of any planning issues affecting them. Allotments in Oxford full so the Council is looking for new sites. Membership of the Allotments Federation has been mismanaged and a partially new team is running the Federation so it may become more efficient, so no new info on insurance. Elder Stubbs show will be during Allotments Week- 13th-19th August. Florence Park Show Sat 8th Sept- SY will get entry forms for us. Tractor help is finished for this year. Seedy Sunday was worth attending and should happen again. Water will be turned on in three weeks. Grass cutting of roads will start again soon.</p>	<p>SY</p>
<p>Summer Party 4pm-7pm, 23rd June in the Play Area on Road 2 Want to create a fun community building event for plot holders & guests- bring your own food, drink, crockery and BBQ. VW to put up notice asking for help for the event and lists for equipment to sign up for in the shop:- BBQ, tables & chairs, Gazebos if wet, Competition to be judged by children with no family members participating:- any fruit/ any root/ any other/ longest or largest perennial weed root Helen has friend to organise children's activities EWA A will supply BBQ coals</p>	<p>VW HC</p>
<p>Plot management- All plots let with a waiting list of 4-8 people. Plots only to be let by the Membership Secretary- take names and contact details of anyone who is interested and they will be contacted. First on list gets next available plot. Shed on plot 13 to be given to 13a- will need help moving it from back of plot, other shed(Ron's) to 13b plot holders after contents cleared.</p>	<p>Derek?</p>
<p>Plots 20, 118a and 119 are still showing no signs of cultivation- after being warned twice and missing the December cultivation deadline. All agreed that all members of the Committee should inspect all plots in late April for an assessment of cultivation- this to be done at least twice a year so signs of improvement and decline can be monitored fairly on all plots. If there are still</p>	<p>ALL</p>

insufficient signs of cultivation on these plots they will be reallocated at the next Committee meeting in May.	
<p>Cari provided suggestions for cultivation guidelines- all agreed with her definitions of cultivation, but wanted more time to consider what progress should be required from plot holders taking over wild plots. Will be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>Cari is resigning from Membership Secretary- she would like to leave before the AGM if possible. The Committee is very sad that Cari is giving up the post as she has done a fantastic (and mostly thankless) task of sorting out the labyrinthine mess. Anyone who takes over the job will have a robust system to follow, if other committee members co-operate by not letting out plots without the Membership Secretary's knowledge.</p>	ALL
<p>Tools-</p> <p>All paperwork is now available in the tool shed. Alan will train any plot holders who are interested- VW to put up a notice. VW will write up machine instructions after training. Nothing further on Risk Assessments.</p>	Alan/ Valerie Steve
<p>Work Parties</p> <p>Sat 24th March- VW organising skip to clear area around composting point- if anyone has access to pallets then can they put them beside the current bins so more composting bins can be constructed?</p> <p>16th June- sorting out site for the Summer Party the following weekend- Leader to be decided at next committee meeting.</p>	VW ALL
<p>4 Stroke strimmer</p> <p>Alan still looking for a reasonably priced one</p>	Alan
<p>Noticeboards-</p> <p>Steve has put up great new boards on the gates- thanks</p>	
<p>Shop-</p> <p>HC will buy more Glycosphate</p> <p>Still trying to source asparagus and sweet potatoes</p> <p>Will buy more black plastic- both breathable and water proof.</p> <p>Will order more manure.</p> <p>VW to put up a notice asking plot holders to donate any extra seedlings to the shop for sale to support the allotment. Helen will need to think up prices.</p>	Helen Valerie
<p>Shop Pricing</p> <p>All Seed potatoes have gone up in price substantially and there was not much difference between Desiree and Pink Fir- Helen did not feel it was practical to have different prices for potatoes as unmanageable. Potato prices had not risen for some years.</p> <p>Seeds are expensive due to changes in discount- may risk making a loss on them. Helen will look for alternative suppliers.</p>	Helen
<p>AOB</p> <p>Toilets- All to keep an eye on OUWG use of toilets to ensure they are not left in a mess.</p>	ALL
<p>Newsletter- Would like one to go out in June before the party with info on Membership Secretary vacancy etc. Is David still able to produce?</p>	David
<p>White House Project- All sad to hear of the death of John Nicholls' son. VW to write a letter of condolence.</p>	Valerie
<p>Date of next meeting- 24th May 2007 at Allotment Shop</p>	