



Scruton Allotments Association

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Meeting Minutes. Held at 2 Peacocks Close Scruton.

ATTENDANCE: JOHN VICKERS, RICHARD ZEALLEY, IAN POWELL, ELIZABETH DAVIES, JOE LOFTHOUSE, ANDREW CARTER

APOLOGIES: NONE

Welcome	Comments	Action Points
1. Matters arising from previous meeting	JV reported that he still had to meet with Jane Snell, Kevin Proctor had been seen to further discuss options to the proposed new development.	Minutes from the 16 th Jan approved and passed.
2. Finance	Due to the circle of dates and various year ends we currently have 50% of the ground rents in, rest will be chased at the end of March, landlord will be paid in April. RZ to look at the options of altering the year end.	
3. Work Party options & notifications	Currently we have had two further plot holders sign up to the WhatsApp group, proposal to provide a more detailed programme of proposed works, the main shed has been tidied to make access to machinery safer, the group notice board currently positioned on the main gate by the tennis courts needs to be lifted to a more appropriate height.	Date for site meeting to look & assess potential jobs, to be on the 5 th April 10.30am
4. Project Proctor	An update to the current position was provided by JV, KP has got slight reservations as to an open access to the site, but initially it would only be when organisers & or committee members would be in attendance, 24 th March was suggested as a low-key start to the project, JL had identified & undertake 200 trees that have now had grafts taken.	Identification of people agreeing to be linked to the plot.
5. Compost	Landlord has dropped a load of manure to the west gate of the allotments, initial proposal to plot holders to only take 2 wheelbarrow loads to ensure it was evenly distributed. Possibility of more to be delivered from KP	Notice to be sent out via group chat.
6. Bees	Following the discussion held at the AGM, the placement of the beehives to be left to AC along with guidance from Phil Braithwaite.	
7. Use of communal BBQ	Given the situation over the ownership of the large BBQ, the village hall committee no longer are involved as such whilst it can continue to be stored at the hall it will need to be located at some point. Approach again from the Playing Fields Ass to be involved with the annual feast, consideration to provide a variable menu given the success of the bonfire evening.	



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8. AOB	JL ask for clarification on several previously identified jobs. Identification of plot boundaries. Risk Assessment and H & S provision. Machinery, usage, storage, availability. Plant stall provision from plot holders. Details about a plaque commemorating Chris Snell and the positioning of any memorial. JV announced that he may be looking to step down as chair of the group.	
9. Date of next meeting	17 th April venue to be confirmed.	