



Scruton Allotments Association

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Meeting Minutes Held at the Village Hall 08 October 2024

ATTENDANCE: RICHARD ZEALLEY, JOE LOFTHOUSE, ELIZABETH DAVIES, JOHN VICKERS, THIS WAS AN OPEN MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND

COMMITTEE APOLOGIES: ANDY VENUS, IAN POWELL

Welcome	Comments	Action Points
1. Tasting session.	Foods presented for tasting were Pulled Pork; vegan & Veggie Samosas; chicken legs; Baked Potatoes; And sweetcorn. Pulled pork and Samosas came out top choice with Burgers and Hot dogs secondary	
2. What food to include	Unanimous agreement we should concentrate on Pulled Pork with trimmings; Samosas vegan (which would cover also for vegetarian), along with Chicken samosas. Burgers and hot dogs to be used as back-ups. Others could be introduced at Village Fest	JV/Committee to note and plan accordingly
3. How to prep	RZ to borrow or purchase at least another 2 warmers preferably with separate compartments. Burgers and Dogs to be cooked then kept warm leaving griddle clear to heat pulled pork and trimmings.	RZ
4. Finance report	RZ confirmed that at this stage in the year we had reasonable amount of funding on accounts. If we didn't have additional funds from other events we would be struggling with on-going maintenance. Would need to increase plot fees by £20/£30 at least to cover expected future outgoings	
5. Increased share in Griddle and Health and safety surrounding its use	JV advised that Village Hall had approached him with a view that they wanted to relinquish their share in the BBQ as they did not see they would ever use it. JV also advised that he had met M Gatenby and A Venus from Village Hall to discuss H & S issues surrounding its use. MG & JV advised it was covered under their respective Public Liability ins. JV subsequently spoken with Associations insurers pointing out it was Commercial grade equipment and instructions stated it was for indoor use only. Insurance confirmed they were entirely happy that these would have no bearing on the PL cover as long as safety measures were in place to cover on a practical basis its future use. These would include in simple terms operatives to sign equipment out and those actually operating it to be shown how to light it and use the controls on it All members present in agreement that we could and should take negotiations forward to increase our share BUT be mindful that it should be on basis of current second hand value and not its new value when purchased in 2022. JV given an amount to work within	JV & RZ to make certain safety issues are dealt with and put in place JV to negotiate with SPFA and Village Hall and report back



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6. Working parties	Working Parties were up and running but very few, apart from committee members, have turned up for them. Working Party days are now set as the last Saturday in the month. If weather is inclement then it will be switched to the Sunday immediately after. Details re work to be done and reminders to be sent to all members via the WhatsApp method and every member should sign up to it. Also a copy of current job to be placed on Plot notice-board	RZ to make certain all are signed up to WhatsApp and JV to place on each months Comm Meet what job is to be undertaken. RZ/JV to make certain Monthly message on notice board
7. Update on Compost	JV reported that Kevin Proctor been away for quite a period, now back and has been contacted. Deliveries will be forthcoming as soon as access over Cricket Field car Park is feasible re ground conditions.	JV to Keep watching brief
8. Glass on the Plots	In future any member wanting Greenhouse on plot has to use 2x2 sheets of horticultural glass. Contract for plots to be amended	RZ to amend contract
9. AOB	All members to refrain from putting any soil/plastic on bonfire pile. Any cabbage/sprout stalks etc. have to have all soil removed	
10. Date of next meeting	Informal one, no minutes taken, 25 th October 6pm sharp in Coore Arms	JV