



High Wych Allotment Association Committee Meeting

Monday 11th March 2019 – 7.00pm

Present: Mike Blight, Barrie Richardson, Martin Greenaway, Linda Emanuel

Apologies: Roger Glynn, David Smith (HWPC)

Entrance Gate

Mike to get costs for new lock and keys. For the gate you will need a key to enter but when the gate shuts it will automatically lock, so you will need your key to exit. A key-safe will also be put in place for emergency use. Each plot holder will be given one key (cut from a master key)– if an additional one is required that will be at the plot holders expense. If plot holders have a mobile phone remember to have it with you in case of emergency and to have useful numbers on it.

Noticeboard

Martin is sourcing the materials for a noticeboard to be placed on the site. It will display emergency contact numbers and committee members contact details. It will also be used to display the Tenancy Agreement template along with the latest committee meeting minutes and any other notices. It will also display Barrie's seed prices/supplies etc. All notices will be laminated.

Plant Sale

The plant sale will be on Saturday 11th May. Please put this date in your diary! (Linda will send out an email reminder nearer the time). It has also been decided we should include a book sale. Primarily books re gardening and cooking but will accept others. This will hopefully bring in additional funds. Help will be required to set-up stalls etc from 9.00am and to clear away after the sale. Volunteers are also needed to man the stalls. The sale will be from 10.00 -12.00. The committee would like to thank plot holders for their continued support of the plant sale, which is our main source of income, and for all the donations we receive.

Hedge Cutting

We are behind schedule but weather permitting the hedge at the back of the allotments will be cut this Saturday (16th) so work can start in preparing the ground for the new greenhouse. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

HWAA Clothing

Linda will email details shortly re a clothing order with the HWAA logo. Depending on the volume ordered will determine what discount we get. Sweatshirts, fleeces, baseball caps and polo shirts are usually the norm.

Pest Control

Just to make you aware we currently have a 'mice' issue. Barrie has already laid traps primarily around the main Shed area.

Seed Schemes

Barrie has had issues with deliveries but hopefully these have now been resolved. With regards to compost, 90 bags have been ordered and delivery is expected this week. If you would like some bags but not ordered them please see Barrie. Bags are £4.70 each.

Grass Cutting

A polite request when cutting your paths can you please ensure at the end of your plot you do both sides of the main path – it just makes it look neater. Thank you.

HWPC

Dave Smith our parish councillor was unable to attend the meeting but reported the following:-

- New application from a resident of High Wych Road giving us a waiting list of two new people as well as the requests from existing plot holders for increased space;
- Water bill for the second half of the year now received and just covered by the surcharge. Hoping that it won't be necessary to apply a surcharge this season.
- The PC have applied for a grant for funds to supplement those raised at the WW1 events which will enable them to install a village sign on the corner of Broadfields. If this is successful, there could be some form of planter around the sign. Is the HWAA prepared to help with the planting & maintenance of such a planter?

The committee have agreed we will plant and maintain the planter if/when one is installed.

New Year Social

There was a disappointing turnout for the social this year with five people cancelling on the actual day. This was unfortunate as the food had already been purchased. This will be discussed at the AGM as to what we do going forward in terms of deposit/contribution for any other social events.

High Wych Festival

Not discussed at the committee meeting but placed in the minutes for information purposes. As well as the scarecrows and the flowers the theme for this year will be bicycles (we have had wellies and wheel hubs previously). So if you have an old bike that has seen better days and it could be decorated and displayed for the festival please let the organisers know. Date for the festival will be weekend of 7th/8th September.

Linda Emanuel

Secretary HWAA