

# **Romford Smallholders Society**

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Pretoria Road on 18 October 2011 at 20.00

Attended by Bob Roper, K smart, Daniel Smart, Nigel and Jane Alborough, Sharma, John Geary. Apologies from Bill Kinsey, Jim Flower.

Meeting chaired and minuted by Bob Roper

## **1. Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.**

### **1.2 Matters arising from minutes of last meeting**

1.2.1 Daniel confirmed that James Rose had been informed there would be 5 fires on site on 5/11/11

1.2.2 Jane had made a grant application for £3.6k to 'Community Chest' on behalf of the Soc.

1.2.3 Daniel had let 8 plots on 25/9/11

1.2.4 John Geary asked if potholes could be filled in on tarmacked road, Daniel said he's contact James Rose (LBH) and also ask if scalplings could be provided for unpaved section (Sharma concerned about this) Daniel to also ask James Rose about the easing of the Jubilee Ave gates (they are binding in centre) Bob and Daniel to look into road safety convex mirror and post for junction at Jubilee Avenue road.

## **2. Treasurer's report**

2.1 Jane confirmed that since the start of the new financial year the shop had taken £478.26

2.2 Main expenses so far were for water bill of £1,991.47 which had been paid. Note that this bill had come in under budget.

2.3 Our half year rent to LBH was £1,078 in arrears

2.4 Jane is going to increase float (for Olly ) to £100 as the present arrangement of £50 was too little.

## **3 Allotment Sec's Report**

3.1 Since Oct 2011 the Soc. has let 102 plots to 82 different plot holders. There are 95 members. The waiting list is 25 strong .

#### **4 Water hygiene.**

4.1 Daniel confirmed that he'd been searching for suitable container but one could (so far) not be found within the £1k budget

#### **5. AGM**

5.1 Rule changes proposed by Chair, read through each one with committee (everyone was given a copy) rule 3.5 amended to include word 'by' after 'ratified'. Rule 4.3 changed to delete proposed work ' must' before 'also' to read 'should' Rule 6.9 amended to substitute 'the' for 'a' before 'hosepipe fee' and 'pertaining to that plot' at the end of the line. Bob to make changes for final draft consideration by the AGM.

5.2 Nigel suggested rule changes around composting and waste bins but meeting considered we had enough in the rules already so no changes proposed.

5.3 Bal has emailed a note and suggestions for rule changes for comment. Copies were given to all members who duly read them.

5.4 Chair proposed motion that all rule changes referred to in 4.1 were adopted. **Agreed unanimously.** To be presented to the AGM for ratification.

5.5 Nigel proposed motion that at the AGM the meeting would in future be asked to vote for individuals and not as has been our practice to block vote all those outgoing at the time of the meeting. **Agreed unanimously**

#### **6 .Store Rota**

Following agreed, 23/10 Jane and Nigel; 30/10 Daniel and one other; 6/11 John Geary, 13/11 Bob . The 13/11 would be the last shop opening for this calendar year.

#### **7. AOB**

7.1 noted that Jim Flower and Bill Kinsey had indicated that they would not be taking part in further meetings.

7.2 John Geary volunteered to audit Soc.'s accounts with Bal, John to liaise with Bal to see if he'd assist and also with Jane over details.

7.3 Jane info'd meeting that she would have to send RBS details of signators even though we are ending our relationship with them.

There being no further business the Chair thanked the committee for their attendance and the meeting closed at 21:45.