**MINUTES OF LRRHAA COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday, 30 November 2020

19:30 Via Zoom

Nick van Hear Co-Chair

Ian Matten Co-Chair

Paul Wavell Lettings Secretary

Lorin Watt Secretary

Dzmitry Batrakou Advisor

Devendra Khimding Committee Member

Olga Nerusheva Committee Member

Terry Pike Committee Member

William Beinart Trustee

Jon Piggott Trustee

 1. **Apologies:** Arnold Harpin, Garth Bottomley

 2. **Minutes** of the meeting held 12 October 2020 were agreed.

 3. **Welcoming** new committee member Olga and advisor Dzmitry, the Chairs also

 thanked Mariam for continuing to look after the web site.

 4. **Matters arising:**

* Several Kier **water butts** are still for sale. **🢧IM** to post a notice at the shop
* The association will buy **fencing** to secure deer-friendly gaps in the Abberbury Road and east (top) boundaries before the spring. Additional fencing is expected at some point from Feltham.
* The **pond liner** is in place and ready to be buried at the edges. **🢧 NvH** to arrange payment with the treasurer**; LW** to contact members for donations
* Feltham at the Oval has offered to keep wooden pallets aside for us on request. **🢧 NvH** to contact Feltham**; DB** to collect
* IM offered to investigate **programmable water valves**.
* Due to health and safety concerns, the association does not own **machinery for cultivating/tilling** plots**. 🢧LW** to ask members who own cultivators whether they can help or loan them to others
* DB proposed researching the cost and feasibility of installing **a very large rainwater collection tank** to feed into the communal water supply. In the shorter term, the committee agreed to **improve collection from communal buildings,** viz. the shop, container and co-op hut, and will appropriate Keir butts if needed.
* NvH will take the **padlock on the main gate** for maintenance. **🢧 IM** to oil in the meantime
* It is not permitted to increase the size of a plot by **digging into pathways**, as has happened recently. **🢧 LW** to leave additional notices in the container

5. **AGM follow up**:

* A General Meeting will be held at some point, either via Zoom or on site to discuss the new lease options and concerns members have raised following the recent mailings/vote.
* The Constitution change was agreed unanimously, as were The Rules amendments with the exception of Rule 4.5, which passed with 13 votes in favour and 2 against.
* The committee agreed that the ceiling on any penalty under Rule 4.5 on water usage would be one year’s rent, i.e. proportionate to the size of the holding.

 6. **Finance report:**  The treasurer sent a list of 12 late or unreconciled payments.

 **🢧 LW** to check members’ list and refer to DK before re-circulating for comment

 7. **Auditors:** Laura Laubeova and Dzmitry Batrakou have volunteered to check the 2020

 accounts.

8. **Lettings report:** One quarter plot is available now. 13 are waiting for a plot.

 9. **Working Party Tasks:**

* Cut back vegetation along Abberbury Road boundary to prep for deer fence
* Update community whiteboard
* Remove ash tree on plot 29 and the ash at the top of the allotments
* Clear 54B

10. **Shop:** Olga Nerusheva has taken over management of the LRRHAA shop. We will be

 asking for volunteers to help man the shop once it can open.

 11. **Calendar 2021. 🢧 NvH** to prepare.

**AOB -** None

**Next Committee Meeting: TBA**

**Next Working Party:**  **TBA**