**MINUTES OF LRRHAA COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday, 15 March, 2021

19:00 Via Zoom

Nick van Hear Co-Chair

Ian Matten Co-Chair

Arnold Harpin Treasurer

Paul Wavell Lettings Secretary

Lorin Watt Secretary

Devendra Khimding Committee Member

Terry Pike Committee Member

William Beinart Trustee

Cathy Gibb Trustee

Jon Piggott Trustee

1. **Apologies**: None received.

2. **Minutes** of the meeting held 1 February 2021 were agreed and approved by IM.

3. **Matters arising:**

* **Deer** are already munching on our plots. IM has acquired plastic fencing which will be used to block deer runs at the top of the site whilst we await fencing from The Oval construction site. Volunteers will be recruited to help clear/prepare both the lower and top boundary where fencing needed.
* **Thanks to IM** **for removing the ash** **trees** on 29 and by the wildlife area.
* The **orchard** has now been planted at the Community Centre and

Rosehill Primary School. **Thanks to Lorraine and her family of 49BB** for sponsoring a tree on behalf of LRRHAA.

* The **shop** has been opened on several Sundays and seems to be working well,

courtesy of Olga and Dima of 6A.

* NvH cited MI, AH, and LW's service in the **website renewal** war, adding a special **commendation to Colin of 70C** for heroic patience and persistence in facing down the implacable tsoHost.
* Members must obtain approval to build greenhouses as well as sheds from the committee and observe the requirement for water catchment as well as the Rule that glass and must be cleared away when a plot is given up. **⇒ LW to send ltr re 94**

4. **Finance report:** AH has chased late payments by email where possible. A few queries have

been referred to DK. CG offered to help. Few queries remain, but it is tedious and time

consuming to chase any payments. On a brighter note, the Association seems occupy

solid financial ground for now. AH will arrange payment for O&DFAA membership this

month.

5. **Lettings update**:We’ve had one recent resignation and quarter-plot let. Available are two

plots, with 22 on the wait list. Swapping of plots is not permitted but still happens occasionally. This is a problem not only for rent invoicing, but potentially with OCC, our landlords who might demand an accurate, up-to-date list of allottees at any time.

6. **Lease update**: Having decided to become a co-op when the lease is renewed in

September, we await the Council’s response to some queries raised by O&DFAA. In the

meantime, NvH has learnt that co-op status may be more complicated and the liability of trustees under an alternate arrangement less onerous than at first glance. We still, however,

plan at the moment to become a co-op.

O&DFAA advise that the model rules provided the National Allotment Society do not

seem to work, so they are is negotiating modifications.

The current lease does not provide for automatic rollover if a new lease is not signed by its

expiry. We do not know what our legal status would be were the new lease delayed

for any reason. **⇒ NvH querying with O&DFAA**

7. We do not know when **Working Parties** will be permitted. In the meantime, we will

ask for volunteers on an ad hoc basis as specific needs arise, e.g. deer fencing. Members

are also encouraged to take care of any small maintenance matters they may notice and to

routinely clear rubbish strewn in common areas. LW and Anne of 70A will update the

whiteboard. Other future tasks suggested include clearing plot 56B, painting the shed on the

play area, checking the six allotment-owned sheds and arranging a skip.

8. The **Spring Newsletter** should be ready by the end of March.

**AOB**

* **Roadways will be opened and water supply restored on April 1st.**
* Use of water will be restricted for the same mid-day hours as last year. **⇒ LW to prepare signs**
* Rubbish is being thrown into the Abberbury Road hedge. **⇒ LW to prepare signs**

**Next Committee Meeting: Monday, April 26th**

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