**MINUTES OF LRRHAA COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday, August 16th, 2021

19:30 Play area

Ian Matten Co-Chair

William Beinart Trustee

Cathy Gibb Trustee

Arnold Harpin Treasurer

Paul Wavell Lettings Secretary

Lorin Watt Secretary

Garth Bottomley Cttee member

Dzmitry Batrakou Cttee member

1. **Apologies**: Nick van Hear, Olga Nerusheva, Jon Piggott
2. **Minutes** of the meeting held 26 July 2021 were agreed and approved by IM.
3. **Matters arising:**

* IM & CG will check spare strimmer parts and the hedge trimmer.
* Rather than patching the leak at 57/8, AH and IM will investigate how to best to lay new pipe from the leak to the top of the allotments, a task for future working parties.
* One roe deer was chased out of the site at the 15.08 working party, but another has been spotted at large.

**4.** **Finance report & 2021/22 rent invoices:**

* Water costs being well down compared to the past few years, we

have funds to pay for replacement pipe and Mypex to cover vacant plots.

* A £5.00 contribution will be added automatically to rent invoices of members

who have not participated in any working party or done alternate volunteer work

for the Association during this financial year (Sept 2020 - Aug 2021).

🖝 LW to circulate list of working party attendees & other contributors for cttee members' correction before

forwarding 2020/21 members' list to AH for invoicing.

**5**. **Lettings report**:28 are waiting for plots. PW has rented 23aa. 8B and 39c were cleared by

working parties and a good start was made on 54B, but the latter is not yet ready to let.

Members looking for volunteer tasks could start by cutting back brambles on 54B.

**6**. **Lease update per July OD&FAA Zoom meeting**: Unless a new lease is signed in Sept, the

current one will roll over. We await advice for setting up as a cooperative from the Financial

Conduct Authority. Oxford City Council will retain management of trees, with any costs to be

paid out of the allotment rents it receives.

**7**. **Site survey:** Queries from the August 1st site survey have identified an additional

2.5 plots that will not be renewed. Only two or three of the 20-odd questions/issues raised

remain outstanding as of 18.08.21. A follow-up survey will be done in early September.

**8. Working Party Tasks for October 16th:**

* Clearing abandoned plots. 🖝 LW to check if we may begin work on 59A & 60A.
* Trimming Abberbury Road hedge.
* Beginning work on trench for new pipe.

**9**. **AOB:**

* The LRRHAA Party scheduled for September has been cancelled, and an early spring gathering/seedling swap proposed.
* WB offered to host a Zoom AGM this year, but also suggested Iffley Church Hall as a potential alternative to Rose Hill Community Centre, which currently closes at 7pm. 🖝 LW to check cost and availability
* CG proposed the two wheelbarrows kept in the container be left out for members' use.

DB offered to repair/replace the wheels.

* IM has started the repair work on concrete at the gate.

**Next Committee Meeting:** Monday, September 27th

**Next Working Party:**  Saturday, October 16th