**MINUTES OF LRRHAA COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tues, Dec 14th 2021 19:30m via Zoom

William Beinart Trustee

Cathy Gibb Trustee

Ian Matten Co-Chair

Nick van Hear Co-Chair

Arnold Harpin Treasurer

Paul Wavell Lettings Secretary

Lorin Watt Secretary

Garth Bottomley Member

Terry Pike Member

1. **Apologies**: Dzmitry Batrakou
2. **Minutes** of the meeting held 26 October 2021 were approved by IM.
3. **Matters arising:** The 2nd audit of 2000-21 accounts will be done soon.

**4.** **Finance report:** AH went through outstanding rents for 2021-22, now down to

 three, and volunteered to chase them. Rent revenue so far this year totals a healthy £2500.

 Last year's water bill was under £500, but the new budget remains based on the

 highest bill of recent years as a hedge to our liquidity.

**5. Lettings report:** One full and two half plots are available now; two others need

 additional clearance before they can be let. The waiting list is down to 17.

**6**. **AGM:** In follow-up to the water discussion at the AGM, LW suggested members of shed-less

 plots who would like to add capacity to neighbours' catchment instead of building new

 structures might place a joint order for equipment in 2022.

**7. Lease and ODFAA Update:** NvH explained that two points are still under negotiation

 with the OCC. First is liability for capital replacement costs beyond what Associations could

 afford should fences, gates, etc. become irreparable. Second is a prohibition on tree work

 (apart from fruit trees) by Associations and the appointment of Oxford Direct Services

 as the exclusive provider of tree services. Once these points are agreed, ODFAA will

 take legal advice before making a final recommendation to its member Associations.

 It seems unlikely we will need to hold an EGM to consider incorporation and the new lease

 until after Easter.

**AOB:**

* AH offered to estimate the cost of running **a new water pipe** along the roadway from

midway to the top of the allotments. The current pipe has been damaged several times and we hope to improve water pressure.

* Another tree service has offered to bring **chippings** to the allotments if a key

can be made available. CG will check first with our current supplier, New Leaf,

to ask whether they would make more deliveries if given a key for a second lorry and

to let them know we cannot take other wood or logs.

* Members are free to take **willow branches from the trees on plot 38**. They should be

cut at the base. CG to post a notice.

* CG pointed out that Oxford Parks Dept no longer has a key to the gate. LW to give them

a number to call when requesting the **annual hedge-cutting** so that someone is available to let them in.

* **PW** to ask a carpenter to advise what work is needed on the **play-area hut**.
* The **Abberbury Road neighbour behind plot 90** is planning to move a section of fencing.

Because we are not 100% certain about the position of the boundary, we advised him to contact OCC, our landlord, to be sure there would be no problem.

* The chair confirmed to GB that it is permitted to **cut back an ash tree** overhanging the boundary behind plots 2 & 3.
* The **2022 calendar** will be available in the new year.
* Thanks to our cttee **Zoom host, WB**. We may need to investigate ODFAA's offer of

Zoom facility prior to the next meeting.

 **Next Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022

 **Next Working Party:**  Sunday, February 20, 2002.