**MINUTES OF LRRHAA COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tues, July 5th, 2022

Cathy Gibb Trustee

Ian Matten Co-Chair

Nick van Hear Co-Chair

Arnold Harpin Treasurer

Paul Wavell Lettings Secretary

Lorin Watt Secretary

Dzmitry Batrakou Committee Member

Devendra Khimding Committee Member

Colin Cavey Member

1. **Apologies**: Garth Bottomley
2. **Minutes** of the meeting held April 26th, 2022 were approved by NvH
3. **Matters arising:**

* **Surplus food donations**. Mutual Aid and The Porch may be able to take fresh produce.

**⇒LW** to investigate how/when donations might be arranged.

* **A** **shed water audit** is deferred until WB is available for planning.
* The **May site survey** identified under-cultivated plots that might be reduced in size or reclaimed after the financial year-end in August. Some members contacted have subsequently explained a problem or have cleared their plots. The following remain to follow-up before the end of August, by letter/email/discussion as appropriate: 5, 10

32A, 39A, 45A, 56A, 49B, 80A, 90/91D. 60A (overgrown) & 59B (overgrown trees) now also need attention.

* **Website**. Whilst MI has taken over the domain management and regularly posts any items sent to her, GB rightly pointed out that no one regularly monitors the currency of content on the website. Others have commented that it is awkward to navigate and infrequently refreshed. DB has offered to review the hosting options and design. We hope that GB or another member will agree to check content on a regular basis in future.

**4.** **Finance report:** AH presented better-than-expected accounts. Rental income is up, water costs under budget, and fees related to an anticipated change in legal status not spent this year. The committee voted to take advantage of the funds now available to buy another strimmer for members’ use. With respect to 2022-23, AH reminded the Committee that a rent increase was agreed at the last AGM. **(£2 per full plot**). CG said the shop would make a cash donation to the Association this autumn. From September 1st, borrowing fees for the strimmer/mower will be £4 per session due to the steep rise in petrol prices.

**5. Lettings report:** A ¼ plot is newly let. One ½ plot and a ¼ plot are ready for re-letting.

**6. Lease/O&DFAA Update:** No news since the NvH's email to committee members of April 7th.

Guidance re coop status has not yet come through.

**7. Working Party Tasks for July 23rd:**

* Water survey & plot survey
* Trim inside hedge by front gate & where needed on Abberbury Road side
* Help with wildlife area? **⇒LW** to check with SR
* Trees at the top?
* Plot clearance as required
* Pick up litter

**AOB:**

* DK to arrange translation of water notice by a Nepali member.
* The summer party date was set for Sunday, 5 Sept. **⇒LW** to ask PB whether she can do a poster

and coordinate volunteers

* LW to follow-up re trees on 25 per April meeting notes.
* Members should not bring any rubbish to 57A for burning. The location of the next WP communal bonfire will be advised on the day.
* LW to reply to LL’s recently query re wood chippings.

**Next Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, August 30th

**Next Working Party**: Saturday, July 23rd 14:00 – 16:00

**Summer Party:** Sunday, September 5th 13:00 - 16:00