

The Papworth Everard Allotment Association (PEAA)

Minutes of the committee meeting 9th September 2013 at 8:00 pm

Attending: - David Stalham (DS)
 Paulette Beynon (PB)
 Mark Evans (ME)
 Val Stalham (VS)
 Cliff Bignold (CB)
 James Brown (JB)

ITEM No	DETAIL	NOTES/ACTIONS
1	Opening remarks and welcome by Chairman.	CB opened the meeting.
2	Adoption of minutes of previous meeting	No committee meetings held this year.
3	New email address	New email address enquiries.peaa@gmail.com seems to be working. ME to put JB on this email address.
4	Provision of water to the site	Still waiting on this. CB has spoken to Parish council PC clerk. VS and DS to speak to her to get an update. Cliff to call in again also. PB to email.
5	Managing unlet plots/hedging/communal areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed regular dates one in spring and one in summer to manage the communal areas given well in advance. We need to think through dates perhaps for holiday weekend/before or after these weekends. Dates in a year could be the three weekends in Easter. 'Spring tidy' Big celebrations in the middle of October. Perhaps 26th and 27th transplant the hedging. 'October fest'. • Agreed using green manure to cover some communal areas. Areas need to be cleared first. • Community jobs information to be put on the website – this suggests some jobs allotmenters can do to help the allotment community such as keeping the paths clear. Some job require people to let us know if you have done the work so it does not get duplicated. • Discussed buying a powerful petrol driven

		<p>trimmer or hiring one for the communal clearing events. Hiring might be best since we would not need to store or maintain the machine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central haulage way may need leveling as there is standing water after rain and this runs onto plots. This could be a community job. • We could also have a notice board on/in the container. • DS has a concrete kerb stone to put in the area of the pedestrian gate. The gate will then close flush with the curb stone and stop any rabbits going under the gate. • Blackberries (brambles) would be a good addition to the hedges. • We agreed not to ask for a deposit to be paid on joining. The idea was to use this deposit to clear plots left vacant and not cleared by vacating tenants. The tenancy agreement requires members to leave the plot in good order. This would have to be agreed by PC and managing it would take a good deal of time. • Photographs of the committee members to help member identify the committee members on the website is a possibility.
	Container guttering	This will need doing soon before it gets too cold for the glue to work. A job for spring or a warm October day.
	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We discussed making the fence/gate higher so that deer find it harder to enter the site. There is general agreement that this is a good idea. Bring this up in next agenda. • JB to chase up some members who have not tended to their plot. • Signs for safety have been purchased and need putting up on a post on left hand entrance to the haulage way. • Mark Howell suggested we apply for a grant. We have no need to do this at this point as we have nothing in particular to spend the money on.
	DONM	AGM 25.10.13 at 8 pm in the PC meeting rooms.

