**EWAA Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday 11th January 2018, 7.30pm**

Chair: Clare Ferguson

Present: Jevon Lancaster, Pat Mansfield, Tony Flett, Stewart Young, Louise Evans, Peter Corcutt, Simon Bazley, Meryl Wilford

1. **Apologies** - Helen Edwards, Chris Clifford, Jane Millar, Jane Nimmo Smith, Dan Thorpe, Jon Willis, Nicola Jones
2. **Minutes of last meeting** (9 – 11 – 2017): approved. Noted that Xmas social was a success and that a social gathering could be planned for equinox (21-3-18).
3. **Treasurer report**

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1. **Shop report**

Jon writes: “Since the last meeting I’ve taken delivery of 2 more rolls of Mypex and 6 loads of cow manure. I’ve placed an order for potatoes which will be delivery in 3rd week of February, and an order of spring seeds, onions and garlic for which I’ve haven’t been given a delivery date. As I’ll be out of the country, I’ll need some person/people to be available to take delivery. I’ll email prices when I get the respective invoices.”

(Condolences to Jon and Nicola for rainy weather experienced on holiday…!!)

1. **Membership report**

One plot available (68a).

Ten people are on the waiting list. Jevon predicts demand will rise.

1. **Site matters**
2. Work party debrief

Despite poor weather, lots of people came to work parties (11-12 November). About ten people attended on Saturday and fifteen on Sunday.

1. Community Payback

Payback group will come on site on 25th January. Jevon is liaising with them.

Jevon suggests they work on plot 197b and 198b where the trees have been cut by the council but wood has not been removed.

1. Whitehouse site

Work on boundaries has still not been possible.

1. **Machinery report and portable generator discussion**

Tony reports that the machinery seems in good working order. No services needed for the mowers. Strimmers also working well.

Generator discussion:

* Load and power requirements for power tools would easily be covered by generator.
* Some concerns expressed over possible safety issues and the danger of electrocution to users along with insurance implications.
* Main drawback seems to be how best to facilitate access and use. e.g lock box, payment of deposit and payment of hire.
* Noise could be an issue.
* Having the generator would involve someone taking responsibility for fuel e.g correct petrol/oil mix, as this is not something to leave to users.
* The current price of approx.. £500 is currently at a discount but set to rise.

🡺Consensus that there is not a clear case for purchase.

1. **Any Other Business**
2. AGM of the Wildlife Group is pending. All Allotment members are encouraged to join the Wildlife Group so that it is reinvigorated by new members.
3. Update from “Site Matter Subgroup”. Digging trenches has not started.

Peter will arrange for preliminary test work to cost possible digging of new trenches or alternatively taking spurs from existing pipes

Peter to contact possible contractors through Rated People.com in order to get costings etc.

**Next meeting: March 15th 2018 tbc**