**EWAA Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday 12th July 2018, 7.30pm**

Chair: Clare Ferguson

Present: Peter Corcutt, Pat Mansfield, Tony Flett, Simon Bazley, Jane Millar, Nicola Jones, Meryl Wilford, Stewart Young,

1. **Apologies** - \*Jon Willis, Dan Thorpe, \*\*Jevon Lancaster, Helen Edwards.
2. **Minutes of last meeting** (10-May-2018): approved but amended re waterpipe costing.
3. **Treasurer report**

The stolen money from shop takings remains unexplained but there will be no further police involvement to follow up on the initial report of theft.

The new shop system is working smoothly with buddy system for shop duty and no money being left on premises.

1. **Shop report \***

8 foot canes have arrived (all 7 foot canes sold.)

Suggestions to:

1. introduce a card reader for cashless transactions (but not with cashback facility)
2. request coppiced hazel sticks from OUWG.

*Action point:* Jon to find out whether card reader viable and enquire about hazel sticks.

1. **Membership report\*\***

Total of 48 people now on the waiting list.

(32 external requests for plots and 16 internal requests for additional plots.)

Discussion regarding suggestions to amend the rules following the last Inspection. For example, existing members currently have priority over non-members when plots become available: should this continue to be the case? Consensus was that existing members should have priority up to maximum of 3 halves ( 3 x 5 poles).

Other feedback to be sent by email.

*Action point:* MW to circulate the suggested amendments to rules and invite feedback. Intention would be to have amended rules for presentation at the AGM.

Date for summer inspection tbc. Jeavon to confirm

1. **AGM – date, vacant roles, rent rise**

Date for AGM agreed as Sunday 30th of September. Time 12.00 tbc.

Rent for plots is currently £21.00 for full plot. A rent rise to £25.00 is needed. To be voted on at the AGM.

*Action point:* AGM needs to be publicized along with the need for officers in preparation of the meeting.

1. **Site matters**
2. **Water pipes update**

Suggestion that instead of laying pipes underground, there could be surface pipes for any additional water butt.

*Action point*: Peter to look at costs for surface pipes.

1. **Tree management**

To be discussed at next meeting and AGM.

1. **Thefts**

Although there have been several reports of thefts, there is little to be done except remind plot holders to respect people’s property and be vigilant when locking the gates.

1. **Machinery report**

The shed has been cleaned out and all the mower realigned so they fit more easily into the space.

The Toro is under repair.

1. **Date for next meeting**

13th September

1. **Any Other Business**

**Next meeting: Thursday September 13th 2018**