

Minutes of EWAA Committee Meeting

15th May, 2025

Present: Jon Willis, Maurice Leen, Vicky Bell, Dan Thorpe, Mike McNaboe, George Murray

Apologies: Tony Flett, Bridget Henderson, Meryl Wilford, Jane Millar, Chris Clifford

Matters Arising: Minutes of last meeting were approved. CA were reimbursed overpayment, JM has registered with woodchip scheme.

Leaseholder Registration Scheme-VB spoke to contact who warned against dual electronic/paper based scheme. George noted that a side by side arrangement could be co-ordinated via an extra column in the members' register spreadsheet and that he would be prepared to do that.

Financial Report: C. £14,500 total in accounts. £120 spent on website, £88 insurance, £1,300 on shop supplies. CA to be billed monthly in effort to forestall arrears/default.

Membership Report: Waiting list stands at 37 people. 12 invited to next viewing day but take up has been poor. 14 vacant plots with 8 in good condition. Plot inspections have commenced on Howard Street Lane and will continue over the next week. Another is planned for June.

ODS Quote: Proposed works passed unanimously and CC to be asked to recommence communication with ODS.

Water/Hosepipe Policy: Proposed to allow attachment of hosepipes to fill on-plot containers extension to include 9am-12pm weekday mornings subject to there being no inconvenience to neighbours. This will run on a trial basis for the rest of this season. Criteria for longer term adoption are; general satisfaction with changes, effect on water pressure esp on Howard Street lane, effect of increased consumption on water bill.

Children's Allotment: Audrey from CA has undertaken to tell Roots that children should not enter EWAA site. General concern over continuing situation means we need to establish Public Liability cover of the respective organisations.

Action Point: JW to request relevant certification from Audrey of CA.

Additional note after meeting. Roots group leader is inviting children onto her EWAA plot without express permission.

Skip: New skip to be ordered due to increase in pile next to shop. ML repeated offer to transport bagged rubbish to Redbridge after next workparty. JM to be asked to put note on website asking

members not to leave rubbish by shop and indicate that gifts of 'useful' stuff should be co-ordinated from their plots/FB and not left, speculatively, by the shop.

Action Point: JW to order skip.

Temporary Bonfire Ban: to be continued until further notice.

Cats: Cat Protection League have requested onsite access to deal with feral cats. Chris, a member living on Cricket Rd offered to hand key over to facilitate work. Committee resolved to allow unchaperoned access subject to representative restricting activity to public areas.

Action Point: ML to contact Chris to ask him to liaise with CPL on the issue.

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Trustee Position: Bridget Henderson is stepping down as a trustee. We now have just one when we need either two or three. Situation has thrust constitutional structure of organisation back into the limelight and how to resolve current situation-recruitment of new trustee vs structural change to co-operative/limited liability company.

Action Point: GM to contact Juanita/CC to discuss possibilities.

Ramp Access to Shop: Discussion held to try and make access to shop more easy for deliveries, purchases etc. Resolved that permanent ramp probably too unwieldy given layout of building. ML has a 'Youngmans' board, as used on scaffolds, that could be used for deliveries ONLY.

Action Point: ML to bring board to shop for next heavy delivery.

Date of Next Meeting-17th July 2025