

## Minutes of meeting at: Staines Rugby Club

7th March 2007

Chairman: Mr Keith Hitchman  
Chairman Of Meetings: Mr Christopher Hill  
Members Secretary: Mr John Treadwell  
Minutes Secretary: Miss Dawn Johnston  
Treasurer: Mrs Pat Johnston

**Date** 7th March 2007 held at Staines Rugby Club at 7pm

**Present** Colin, Mick, Dave, Peter, Dawn J, Dawn S, Julie, Keith, Chris, Denise, Julie, John, Gwen, Terry, George, Daryl, Tim, Mel

**Apologies** Tonia & Pat

### Matters Arising From Last Meeting:

- Membership – John has been collecting membership monies and reports that 4 plots are available with 2 new enquiries.
- Renewal of HYDRA & NSLAG – the benefits were discussed (discounted seeds, quarterly magazines, specialist insurance scheme, general advise & legal advise). We are looking into other organisations ie; RHS membership and allotments regeneration association to see if it is beneficial to join these.
- Security – the council agree for us to put our own padlock on the gate as long as they are provided with one key. The padlock that is in use now will fit our keys previously issued. Regarding the gates, the council report they have no budget for this year. They will put it to the top of their agenda for April's new budget. CIP thinks a new gate may be provided in 3-4 months – we will wait for them. A vote was taken to instal a second gate near the compost (either rhino bars or traveller gate), Terry will sort something out.

A further discussion on padlocks - £30 plus £3-£5 per key  
or £40-£60 plus £8-£10 per signature key

And the cheaper option was voted for.

- Portacabin – It seems some hand tools have been stolen.
- Asbestos – CIP aware that there is asbestos outside the gates and the will remove it.
- Car – A letter of thanks needs to go to CIP to say thanks for the prompt removal of the burnt out car. Keith will send this.
- Clean up day 1st April 10am – 4pm – discussed project ideas – planting spikey bushes at the back of the allotments. Keith has got £50 grant from the Enviroment Agency 'secure with nature'; some will be spent on food and some on plants. Moving scrap metal, cut up old gates, fill up large hole on Michael's plot, make bay areas with pallets for recycling metals and plastics etc. George will arrange bark for car park area. We will but weed suppressant for around toilet and portacabin area.
- Finance – about £4500 left. Mick to do the toilet door - £30 for materials and he will provide his time free of charge. General discussion on the fitting of the toilet, which resulted in maybe paying someone to install toilet.

- Groundworks grant for alternative energy source; - Daryl has looked into wind turbines, batteries and containers. A budget of £500 was voted on, Daryl and Keith to meet re purchasing turbine.
- Further projects – Road and the carpark are the next projects. To help the road, ploholders need to leave at least 1 metre from road edge before cultivating land, all at the meeting agreed. Terry to give a quote.
- Any other business – Brett at Staines Rugby Club will buy herbs, ornamental red cabbages and baby beetroots.

Next meeting to be held at Staines Rugby Club on Thursday 19th April at 7pm.