

## Minutes of meeting at: Staines Rugby Club

15th Novemberr 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** 13th November 2007 held at Staines Rugby Club at 7pm

**Present** Tonia, Mel, Tim, Chris, Keith, Dawn J, Pat, Dawn S, Mark, Harry, Mick, Mike, Paul, Gordon, Mike, Lorraine, Diane & Claire

**Apologies** Julie

### Matters Arising From Last Meeting:

1. Thanked everyone for the clean up day, fireworks and bonfire. Daryl worked really hard with setting up the lights.
2. Agreed last minutes, as lots of business to get through.
3. The new pond area path has been marked out by Chris and final costings. Path needs raising up due to the area flooding. Chris will speak to Terry re. hardcore.
4. Nothing has been heard about replacing the original gate from CIP – key at the front gate can be ripped off – to address later.
5. Road up date – CIP agreed Terry to do the contract. Harry wanted to check the source of this – Jim Buccan name given to Harry. Discussion on the money – section 106 – given to Harry, who was unhappy with the way this has been handled by CIP. His son-in-law hasn't been informed that he hasn't been given the job. More discussion and more information given to him. Referred to Jim Buccan. Council memo handed around for all to read. Terry to do road before Christmas.
6. Pond details done at the same time, layout done, draft plans drawn up by Chris and passed around.
7. Keith thanked everyone for helping him throughout the year and Julie for all her help. Thanks to Daryl, Mike, Paul and Colin who do jobs behind the scenes. Especially Daryl who has had a lot to do in his spare time. Colin does the website and has done a great job.
8. Two new rules were added this year. New members should be given a copy.
  - All members should give two hours community work per year.
  - If the Association folded the money would go to charity.
9. Mike added he does shift work and finds it difficult to attend on clean up dates. Keith said anyone can arrange maintenance with him and do the jobs anytime to suit themselves throughout the year. Keith overwhelmed at the amount of people attending the first clean up day.
10. Open days and socials were generally successful. Fireworks a big success (fireworks cost £100.00, £14.00 profit after everything spent).
11. Next year's projects – road, communal plot and pond.
12. Mike asked when are plots 27 and 28 going to cut things down. There used to be a guy from the Council who monitored usage, but no longer done.

13. The Council now state that one person is not allowed to have more than 3 plots.
14. Main objective of Snakey Lane Allotment Association in the beginning was to promote allotments. SLAA to become self managed, Hounslow Council say no. The Council like the idea of partial management but haven't formally discussed this. We have no control over the plots.
15. Balance of accounts handed out. Total £4,086.65. We are a non-profit organisation – made a loss of £400.00 We shouldn't be holding money, we should spend it. No questions on the finance.
16. Spare plots – Prahba from CIP sent out reminder notices today to those not paid. Keith asked her for definite figures but she is not giving information until beginning of December. At the moment 4 plots are available, 2 definite (5 & 11), 2 possibly (7 & 8).
17. Mike asked was the big green container was at the end of the allotment. Keith said we could do what we want on our plots, if anyone has a problem they should speak to the Council not the Association. Discussion followed on having rules – do we need them or will it become too rigid and not fun? Keith inundated with people's problems and did not want to become a policeman, who enforces rules, not a route we want to go down.

18. Election of Officers:

Meetings chairperson	Chris	Proposed Gordon, seconded Dawn S
Secretary	Keith	Proposed Terry, seconded Paul
Treasurer	Pat	Proposed Gordon, seconded Tonia
Minutes Secretary	Mel	Proposed Keith, seconded Pat
Weekend secretary (key holder of machinery)	Mike	Proposed Mel, seconded Chris
Members secretary	Come back to that next meeting.	
Community Members	Paul	Proposed Chris, seconded Mel
	Colin	Proposed Gordon, seconded Dawn J
	Dawn S	Proposed Pat, seconded Chris

Security – Recent break-ins at least 10. Back fence patched up. Plot holders can plant prickly plants. Panels at the back of park need repairing by the Council.