

## **Minutes of meeting at: Staines Rugby Club**

7th February 2008

Chairman: Mr Keith Hitchman  
Chairman Of Meetings: Mr Christopher Hill  
Members Secretary: Vacant  
Minutes Secretary: Miss Mel Carter  
Treasurer: Mrs Pat Johnston

**Date** 7th February 2008 held at Staines Rugby Club at 7pm

**Present** Mick, Paul, Lorraine, Mike, Dawn, Mark, Gordon, Lisa, Pete, Ian, John, Dawn, Pat, Julie, Keith, Julie, Chris and Mel

**Apologies** Tim

### **Matters Arising from Last Meeting:**

1. Minutes of last meeting circulated.
2. Road Date. Keith has exchanged contracts with CIP and passed to Terry. So far he has had no response despite trying to contact Terry, so no date for work to be done has been agreed.
3. Community Plot. Awaiting plans, once received will be discussed at following meeting.
4. Flame Proof Box. As previously discussed a flame proof box is needed for the storage of fuel. Keith will investigate prices and advise next meeting.
5. Pond Plans. Chris circulated copies of plans for pond and original memo from CIP & response. If anyone wants a copy Chris is happy to Email copies out.
6. Plots available. There are few remaining plots, Keith passed round details. Council has ruled no more than three plots allowed per individual.
7. Fees. All attendees paid their 2008 fees.
8. TV documentary. Lisa briefed the meeting on her proposal to start a production company making documentaries on small local projects. She is interested in making a film about SLAA after hearing about it from her father. She believes the community spirit would be of interest. This would be a practice piece with a view to entering into documentary competitions. She would be happy to talk to people on or off camera and film over several days over the next few months. With particular interest in the community project, to follow it's development. The filming to be completed in the summer to show the fruition of produce. All involved would sign a release form so no obligation to be included. Chris invited Lisa to stay for rest of meeting, which was agreed & accepted. Keith advised Lisa she would also need CIP's agreement and he would provide her with necessary contact details.
9. Dates for coming year. Times for all events to be confirmed.
  - A) Clean up day 30th March. Keith usually gets a grant to cover food, cleaning materials etc. and suggested if no grant available food to be provided from association funds. Ian suggested everyone brought own food. It was felt as everyone is giving up his or her own time providing food from funds was a good idea. Chris has some Holly bushes that could be planted on this day as well to secure boundaries.
  - B) Clean up day 18th May. Evening clean up. Requirements to be discussed nearer date.
  - C) Open day 1st June. Date chosen to correspond with sustainability week
  - D) Clean up day. 27th June. Requirements to be discussed nearer date.
  - E) Clean up day. 7th September. Requirements to be discussed nearer date.

F) Prize giving 21st September. Competitions.

Tallest Sunflower

Heaviest Onion

Longest Marrow

Best Scarecrow

Largest Pumpkin by circumference

Oddest / strangest shaped vegetable

G) Bonfire building 26th October. Building Bonfire & preparation

H) Bonfire 2nd November. Barbeque and fireworks

I) Date for AGM 11th November. TBC

J) Christmas do 2nd December. TBC

10. Security. After shed burnt down second week in December we need to make area more secure Keith reported that he arrived and found Police on site on the Sunday morning. The fire brigade had extinguished the fire and stated they didn't believe it to be suspicious and that it was probably a heater that over heated. Concern that the Fire Brigade didn't have keys to either gates and hadn't had to break either lock to gain entry. Several more sheds have been broken into. Most attendees have had some thing taken at some time.
11. Shipping containers. Terry has obtained another shipping container for storage. Chris suggested a third should be obtained to go on the community plot near the pond. Ian suggested planting around container. Vote to decide if required proposed by Gordon, seconded by Chris. Vote carried no opposition. Keith to ask Terry for contacts for extra shipping container. Will not have lights due to lack of power.
12. Back boundary. Many concerns regarding gate from Ludlow Park. Chris has already added two locks and is planting more Holly bushes to make access difficult, remainder to be planted on first clean up day. Ian suggested grease or anti climb paint to be added to fences. Plot on back corner has ladders etc left on it that could be used to gain access. Everyone to check own part of fence and alert Chris and Keith to any vulnerable areas. The council is ultimately responsible for fences but simple safe remedies possible. The need to identify areas to be reinforced key.
13. National Society of Allotments & leisure Gardeners AGM is in Coventry 7th June if anyone wants to attend.
14. Rules to be discussed at next meeting. Attendees reminded CIP rules are on the back of invoices received. Keith to explain further at next meeting.
15. Membership Secretary. John has resigned so a replacement was needed. Ian was proposed by Chris and seconded by Keith. Vote carried.
16. Signs for compost area etc. Mark has offered to make signs for compost area, pond etc. Keith to Email details to Mark.
17. Toilet completion. Ian asked when the toilet would be completed. Paul has been unable to complete but will do so as soon as possible.

**Next meeting date:** Tuesday 11th March 7:30pm Staines Rugby Club.