

Minutes of meeting at: Staines Rugby Club

6th May 2008

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

Minutes of meeting 17th June 2008 at Staines Rugby Club 7:30pm

Present Present Dawn, Mark, Pat, Dawn, Tonia, Keith, Chris, Colin, Lorraine, Mike, Ian, Terry, Peter, Ian and Mel.

Apologies Paul & Tim

Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

1. Minutes of last meeting circulated.
2. Keith handed out copies of leaflet on coping with Horsetail weed & will post a copy on the notice board. Colin will also post on web site.
3. Gate Post. Keith has obtained a new gatepost. Terry will install this week.
4. Community Plot. Keith has spoken to David about his plots near pond. He believes he has paid for them but has removed the plants he had on them. Keith will discuss with him again. For the time being Plot six will remain covered as the community plot.
5. Clean up day. Clean up day went well and a lot of rubbish was cleared. Keith contacted Gwen at CIP who said she would arrange clearance. He then spoke to Prabna who advised there was no money in the budget to collect. Keith tried to report it as tipped rubbish but Hounslow cannot help without a Post Code. Chris will advise Post Code. If left outside gate council will collect if inside it is the responsibility of CIP.
6. Shipping container is now being well used; Keith has keys if anyone wants one.
7. Keith has had signs made for compost area etc & will put them up as soon as possible
8. Still don't know who has new contract to replace CIP but should be announced end of June early July.
9. NSALG membership renewed. For enquiries a reference number is needed. Keith will post this on the Notice board.
10. Guide Lines agreed last meeting would shortly be posted to notice board.
11. Open Day. Quite a few visitors interested in plots but only John Treadwells share currently available. It was suggested we break with having Open day in line with sustainability week as it also coincided with Half Term. This will be discussed next year. Raffle went well and will be tried again.
12. Pond underlay & liner are ready to be installed once pond is prepared. Chris suggested a couple of days would be required to complete this. It was decided 19th & 20th July from 11:00 to 16:00 both days. CIP have insisted on a picket fence being erected. Terry will organise with a two-foot gate to be added later. The fence will be outside the path already around pond and will include bog/marsh area.
13. Daryl is to install the fan in the toilet. This is the last item before it can be made operational.
14. Keith has received paperwork detailing available grants. Mike agreed to read and investigate possibility of a grant to resurface the Car Park.

15. Keith highlighted recent news story regarding dangers of fungus in compost. Several people have reported feeling unwell after handling woodchip. People must be aware of hazard, Keith to put notice on board.
16. Hounslow council may recruit an allotment officer. This has been passed by the council and could happen quite soon.
17. Lorraine and Mike were asked to be signatories on building society account and accepted.
18. Watering. It was agreed that before using a hose we should ensure the tank is full so others wanting to use watering cans can still continue with their watering. Terry also suggested he could change taps to the outside of tanks & install ball cocks inside.
19. Now the road is completed people are speeding. Colin proposed a speed limit sign should be placed at the top of the road. Peter seconded and the motion was carried.
20. Car park. People are not parking considerately, Keith suggested next time any logs are delivered they are used to mark out spaces to try and avoid this. Some people are still parking in the road and we should ask people to move if this continues.
21. Unused Plots. We can call the council and advise this is a fire risk. The more people that call the better. Ian suggested that we cover plots with carpet and weigh it down with tyres. Both Ian and Tim have contacts that may be able to provide tyres and Ian will try to get some carpet.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, 9th September, 7:30pm, Staines Rugby Club.