

TUDOR ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION – MINUTES

4:30pm Tuesday 26th March at 35 Queens Road, Kingston upon Thames

ITEM	ACTIONS
<p>1. Those attending and apologies Present were Paul Hay (PH) Lynn Boyd (LB), Peter Brown (PB), Jim Turner (JT), Julia Cork (JC), Richard Post (RP), Jonny Hoare (JH), Nathalie Ashbee (NA) and Amanda Reader (AR). Chris Ridout (CR) was unable to attend.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of AGM 26/0424 and matters arising (not dealt with below) Para 7.b On reflection WD site supervisors felt that it was not necessary to provide lids for the dipping tanks. Para 7.c RP had set up one shed to collect rain water and planned to add a second. Para 7.d K FAG advised that only 2 other sites had a toilet (one composting, one chemical). It was felt that management of such a toilet would be an issue and the proximity to housing made it impractical.</p>	
<p>3. Treasurer’s report LB has previously presented accounts to the committee. It was noted that the cost of providing water now stood at around £15 per plot and that there should therefore be an emphasis on collecting rain water and gardening techniques that used less water. In the last financial year expenditure had exceeded income by some £2,000 but this was due to on-off items associated with clearing Sid’s plots at WD. PB asked what size of maintenance reserve we should aim to keep. LB replied that using a rule of thumbs of 3x annual expenditure would suggest a figure of £20-25K, roughly what we had now. It was felt this was reasonable and the aim should be to increase this amount in line with inflation each year.</p>	
<p>4. K FAG PH/RP There had been no feedback as yet to the survey by KBC, but Gloria had suggested that it may be an issue if vacant plots were found, suggesting under-usage. KBC had also wanted to know how many people were on waiting lists as an indication of demand. Getting sites classified as a community asset was harder now as it was only valid for 5 years, and the names of all plot holders were required for registration. There had been issues in the past where plot holders from other sites had made direct appeals to KBC, but it was noted that TAA guidelines discouraged this.</p>	
<p>5. Guidance for growing fruit trees PB has proposed a wording and some amendments were suggested.</p>	PB to circulate revision

<p>Site specifics</p> <p>PR: JT reported we were awaiting a site survey of the sheik's trees. Plot holders could request the site supervisors for additional water butts to use on the tool sheds. There was a possibility of obtaining discounted water butts through KBC. 1 plot remained to be let; no warnings had been issued about plots not being maintained properly.</p> <p>WD: CR had reported that all rents had been collected. 16 plots had been let out since the start of the year. There was good progress on Sid's memorial garden, for which benches remained to be bought. A sign for the gate was also underway.</p> <p>The waiting list had been reopened and 9 new requests had been received. In all there are 86 people on the waiting list. JT reported some difficulty in determining who was next on the list, and it was suggested he speak to CR about this.</p>	
<p>7. A.O.B. None</p>	
<p>8. Date and place of next meeting Next committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 9th October at 5:00pm. JT to host.</p>	