

Royal Paddock Allotment Committee meeting minutes

15 November 2018

Present:

David Harnden – Chair	Dylan Baxendale	Nick Baylis
Jenny Bourne	Theo Christophers	Gill Hiley
David Lainchbury	Martin Scotton	Andrew Stanley
Anne Wingrove		David Laughrin - Secretary

Apologies: Karen Saywell; Christine Thorpe.

1.	Selection of chair, treasurer and secretary for RPA Committee. The meeting discussed the appointment of officeholders following the elections to the Committee at the AGM on 15 November. The Chairman, David Harnden and the Secretary, David Laughrin, were willing to serve for a further year. They were unanimously reappointed. In addition, Andrew Stanley, a chartered accountant of 40 years experience, had indicated his willingness to serve as Treasurer. His appointment was agreed unanimously. Dylan Baxendale volunteered to be shed controller, while Karen Saywell had agreed to take over as Chief Plot Inspector. It was agreed that the appointment of a Vice Chair would be held over to the next meeting, although it was noted that Karen had indicated she was willing to stand again.
2.	Selection of 5 plotholder representatives to Management Committee David H said that 5 plotholder representatives were needed to serve alongside four Councillors on the Management Committee for the Allotments. This Committee, which normally met once a year, supervised the RPA on behalf of the Council and dealt with any appeals. It was agreed that the representatives for 2019 should be David Harnden, Susan Saunders, Nick and Janet Baylis, and Andrew Stanley.
3.	Committee Meeting Venue It was noted that noise levels at the Lion had been something of a problem for some Committee meetings, and it was agreed to trial meeting in a quiet area on the first floor of the Railway pub next to Teddington Station. This was available at no charge on Wednesdays. The Secretary would seek to book a slot in mid-January subject to members' availability.
4	Next Meetings It was agreed in discussion that the aim would be to settle on a framework of some six meetings across the main part of 2019. The Secretary would issue a list of proposed dates. Action: David P