

Craven Vale & Whitehawk Hill Allotments Society
Meeting Saturday, 20 May 2023
CVWHAS Hub

Present:	Apologies:
Jenny Embleton – 118 CV, Treasurer & Chairing James Gilderoy – 37 CV, note taker Paul Skelly – 37 CV Tara Salter – 58b CV Nick Fry – 64 CV site rep	Mary Ledgard – 26 CV Roger Dean – 55 CV Jane Griffin – 47 WH site rep Nigel Spencer – 35 CV

Minutes of the last meeting (5 March 2023)

- The minutes were agreed and taken as read.

Matters arising

- **Mary** is progressing the laser cut Hub sign. All committee members to continue looking out for cheap/free shelving suitable for the lean-to to hold small tools etc for swapping. **Pete** has volunteered to install a post near the Hub entrance to mark the concrete trip hazard. Committee to take part in clean and clear out of Hub and surrounds during the summer; date needs to be agreed.
- **Nick** confirmed that the BHCC allotment team were content for the gates to be numbered. It was agreed that the numbers would be CV 1 & 2 and WH 1 -5 and BHCC would be informed when the number signs had been installed.
- It was agreed not to progress with acquiring a shredder as the cost and health and safety risk were too high.

Open Day, 29 May

- It was agreed that those taking part in the Open Day would be asked to display an 'Open' sign at the front of their plot when they were available for visitors.

Update from Site Reps (Nick)

- Nick had stepped down from the BHAF board.
- Plot inspections on both CV and WH had been completed.
- Additional keys were being sourced by Pete, but the company that previously supplied them was no longer trading and finding an alternative supplier was proving difficult.
- **Nick** would chase the BHCC allotment team about the establishment of 'starter plots' on one of the empty plots near the Beresford Road entrance.
- **Nick** would ask the BHCC allotment service to send a round robin email to remind plotheolders to keep perimeters and pathways adjacent to their plots clear and for plots to be clearly numbered.

Men in Sheds

- Lucy, the Men in Sheds co-ordinator, was anticipating a meeting with a carpenter to start the project. Lucy will contact Jenny with possible dates for a site visit from them.
- They were keen to build starter beds and to have a bed on the starter plot.

- The committee would ask them to do the safety fencing on the Hub site and numbers for the gates.
- Committee would research a BHAF funding bid for materials for the starter plots etc.

Any Other Business

- New local councillors to be invited to the site for an awareness raising visit.
- Jim Mayor from BHCC allotment service also to be invited for awareness raising.

Date of next meeting

Saturday, 19 August.