

**Craven Vale & Whitehawk Hill Allotments Society**  
**Meeting Saturday, 19 August 2023**  
**CVWHAS Hub**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Jenny Embleton – 118 CV, treasurer & Chairing James Gilderoy – 37 CV, note taker Paul Skelly – 37 CV Tara Salter – 58b CV Mary Ledgard – 26 CV Nigel Spencer – 35 CV Pete Elliott – WH site rep Jane Griffin – 46/47 WH site rep	Roger Dean – 55 CV Arthur Tallon – 77/1 WH Nick Fry – 64 CV site rep

Actions for committee members in **bold**.

Minutes of the last meeting (20 May 2023)

- The minutes were agreed and taken as read.

Matters arising

- Hub sign – **Mary** unveiled a beautiful, handcrafted wooden sign for the Hub.
- **Pete** will install a post near the entrance to mark the concrete trip hazard.
- Pete reported that the council were not responding adequately to requests for additional keys or new padlocks.
- Agreed we would tidy Hub and landscape after Hub on 1 Oct.
- **Paul** will invite local councillors for the allotments (David McGregor and Gill Williams, Whitehawk and Marina ward) to the site, ideally for one of the event days.

Update from Site Reps

- Jane (for Nick, CV Site Rep) reported that five out of seven plots had been taken up at the most recent CV letting event.
- BHCC had approved the starter plots concept, CVWHAS would be the plothead and sub-let the starter/mini plots. Nick is waiting for confirmation that we can take over plot 47 CV.
- Jane reported that overall, there were 14 vacant plots at WH and 15 at CV. Some had not been worked for up to four years and BHCC continued to be frustratingly slow in addressing this issue.
- Pete reported that BHCC insisted that repairs to locks were done in-house, rather than allowing Pete to do it, as a result the repairs were either hugely delayed or did not happen. They had also not provided spare taps, so any tap repairs would be delayed. BHCC continued to keep a very tight grip on plot applicants' data, as a result a person that had been previously banned from the site had been granted a plot, which would not have happened if Site Reps had been aware.

### Men in Sheds project

- Following a further meeting with the Men in Sheds facilitator **Jenny** agreed to prepare a list of suggestions of items for the group to make, including plot numbers, gate numbers etc. Whether the plot numbers would be for sale to plot holders was not discussed (tbc).
- The facilitator would be with the group whenever they were on the site.

### Starter plots

- BELTA also have a key for the shed on the starter plot site (the shed was promised to them by the previous plot-holder). However, the committee agreed they should not use the shed once the starter plot scheme was under way. The **sub committee** will liaise with BELTA.

### Upcoming events

- Spud in a bucket (3 September) – **Mary** will prepare an email to be sent to CVWHAS members and a poster advertising the event.
- Apple Day (16 September) – **Mary** will update last year's poster to advertise the event and will collect the equipment from Roedale allotments. She encouraged everyone to find apple trees in the community that could provide fruit for the event.

### Follow up on student visit to site

- Mary and Nigel met with the student (prospective MA) but she seemed to have done little preparation and did not have a clear vision of her project. Not likely to proceed further.

### Any other business

None.

Next meeting: **Sunday 5 November.**

### CVWHAS Hub Rota

3 Sept 23	11.00 – 13.00	Sunday	Nigel	Tara	Potato day
16 Sept 23	11.00 – 13.00	Saturday	James	Paul	Apple day
1 Oct 23	11.00 – 12.00	Sunday	Nigel	Jenny	Tidy & landscape
5 Nov 23	11.00 – 12.00	Sunday	Mary		Com Meet after
3 Dec 23	11.00 – 12.00	Sunday			
7 Jan 24	11.00 – 12.00	Sunday			
11 Feb 24	11.00 – 12.00	Sunday			
3 Mar 24	11.00 – 12.00	Sunday			