

Friends of Ascott Allotments
Minutes of Spring General Meeting
Date of Meeting: 7 April 2018

	Present:	Apologies:
David Johnson	Jerry Foulkes	Jean-Marc Callant
Tom Alley	Jean Newson	Jane Challenor
Elizabeth Adams	Stephen Cole	Clive Herring
Helen Marriage	Marina Cassimati	Debbie Fogarty
Edward Parkinson	Maggie Mizzi	Ian Symonds
Donna Moore	Steve Craik	
Lynne Casey	David Parsons	
Andrea Miller	Geraldine Oudin	
Sue Burr	Tom Challenor	
Andre Harbert	Safi Ferrah	
Jane Hodgkin	Paul Carter	
Robin Bowden		

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| 1. | Minutes of Winter General Meeting were agreed and accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. | |
| 2. | Composting toilets
No further update as neither Debbie nor Clive were present. | |
| 3. | Parking
Helen Marriage hadn't been able to try out the parking app so no report back this time (it is free to register as allotment holder and costs 60p per hour).
Car parking on site: Following complaints from ploholders about cars parking on site, it was proposed and agreed that vehicles should no longer be permitted to part on the allotment site. The RingGo system enables ploholders to park at low cost in the local Parking Zone and a limited number of free spaces are available by the Ranelagh Road gate.
Action: an email to be sent to all ploholders advising of the change (sent on 17 th April) and notices will be posted at each gate as a reminder. | FOAA |
| 4. | Container
The container company is in the process of sending an invoice to Ealing Council for the container. When the invoice has been paid the delivery to the site can be arranged. | LBE |
| 5. | CCTV
This has been approved, the council have the 'shopping list' of items. Further news is awaited. | LBE |
| 6. | Raised beds
Next one will be put up at the next workday. | FOAA
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| 7. | Wildlife area
This has started; an assessment is being made of the pond liner | |

which is old and split. The pond may need re-lining. The intention is to develop and landscape the area so that it can be used as an educational area for school children to visit.

8. **Vineyard**
This has now been planted with 24 plants, 4 different types. It will take 3 years to be ready.
9. **Events**
We have entered the London in Bloom – ‘It’s your neighbourhood’ campaign. Judges to come on site mid year (now agreed for 10th July). Assessment will be made on the basis of 3 criteria: Community Participation, Environmental Responsibility and Gardening Achievement. There is no trophy, just assessment and feedback.

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10. **Thanks** were given to Andre for repairing the heavy roller and sharpening stone.
11. **Coordinator for social events**
Someone is required to help Tom Alley with this.
12. The issue was raised of someone entering a greenhouse uninvited and pulling up chickweed for chicken feed. On another occasion someone was collecting fruit from another’s plot. It was reiterated that it is an offence to enter other plots uninvited and stealing is not tolerated.
13. **Apple press**
It was suggested that a group could do this in the Autumn. It would require a leader and we would need to acquire an apple press. It was suggested that Ealing and Hanwell Allotments Association may have one – Debbie Fogarty is the contact.
14. **Next Meeting**
Summer General Meeting will be held in the Orchard on 16th June 2018 at 4pm followed by a barbecue.