FHS COMMUNITY MEETING SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2019

Held in the cabin, Gordon Road at 11pm

Present: John Kirby, Jo Cuttell, Phil Cuttell, Judy Woollett, John Hale, Louis Zweig, Terry Burling, Fumiko Massetti, Valerie Marsh,

Eric Hess, Sophie Dave, Fiona Kennedy, Mike Wardell, Christine Williams. Felicity Nock. Claudine Fear

1. Raised beds, slabs and surrounding area including the fence.

a) Fence boundary and brook banks.

Barnet Council do not allow tree roots over 25mm to be cut. Even roots of dead trees help to shore up the banks of the brook. Alder saplings could work but the society is not supposed to interfere with land outside the boundary; though this last point was disputed by some members. We would need to refer to the waterways agency on this.

b) Slabs

Slabs are more suitable than any other material and these should be laid on a base of hard core and sand as they were originally.

c) Raised Beds

There are repairs and changes needed in the heights of some of the beds. They could be lined to prevent further decay. We have a quote from Eric's builder but at least another will be obtained before the work can start, later in the year, when the site is less busy. Tape is to be put up around unsafe areas for the plant sale days. Felicity will be in on discussions about the work.

2. Poly tunnel

Date 8/9 and 15/16 June. Mike Wardell offered bags of gravel for the trench. Materials need to be ordered.

3. New Plot Holders

There is concern that new plot holders need more information. June needs to inform Rosa and Phil when of new members contact details. Eric has agreed to help out with advice.

4. Garage door repair

A new spring has been ordered by John Scotchford.

5. Costco Membership for sundries

A message to be sent out to members

6. Compost Heaps

Eric has offered his shredder for members to borrow, at their own risk.

7. Children's Activities at plant sale/electricity for cabin

Sophie Dave would like to run these in the cabin at the plant sale and hopefully at other times in the future. They will need a H & S certificate and a risk assessment. Jane Ouseley to be asked for help on this. The committee are to ask for quotes for electricity for the cabin.

8. Wildlife Garden

Fiona Kennedy has taken over care of the wildlife garden, she would like some help digging out the wild garlic. People can pick the garlic leaves and flowers and take the bulbs if they wish.

Minutes taken by Christine Williams