

**Minutes: Apiary Sub Committee – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010**  
**8pm Village Inn Rayners Lane**

**Present: Brian Desborough, Judy Earl, Odette Thomas**

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Pat Dutson, John House, Jo Telfer, Bill Fitzmaurice
- 2. Minutes of Last meeting:** agreed
- 3. Matters arising:**

Power/water supply – Brian is waiting to hear from Dave Corby re possibility of water supply. Pat ( by email) mistakenly thought power also being dealt with by Brian – Pat asked to continue his investigations into feasibility.. Carried forward to next meeting.

**[Action : Brian Desborough**

**and Pat Dutson]**

Generator Housing - Brian is preparing sketch to go to Paul Hannington for quote.

**[ Action : Brian Desborough]**

Trees – Pat reported ( by email) that Pat Pendergast was proving elusive. In view of importance of getting trees assessed during winter it was agreed that Bill would be asked to try to contact him.. **[Action: Bill Fitzmaurice]**

ABC Shutters – carried forward. **[Action: Brian Desborough]**

Container ventilation – Brian to speak to Pat about coating for the roof which had been previously discussed but not pursued. Brian also investigating other ventilators.

**[Action: Brian Desborough]**

Track and track access – scalpings delivered and laid down track. Thanks to Brian for arranging and all members who helped. Brian to ask Terry White if he can lend compactor for track. Remaining scalpings to be used in apiary. Still problems with parked cars blocking accessway – Brian will look at possibility of sign.

**[Action: Brian Desborough]**

Apiary licence and Insurance – Insurance quote received for £255.19 plus 5% IPT .

Includes cover for accidental damage – buildings cover for £30,000 plus £10,000 contents ( all risks ). Judy to read small print but otherwise recommended to main committee. Once insurance in place licence can be completed

**[Action: Judy Earl]**

**ABC extension and fitting out work**

Doorway measured and acceptable

Two further light fittings to be installed – at present no extra power points in extension. Further carpet tiles have been donated but sizes are different – need to be assessed to see how best to lay them.

Brain has bought shelving – this needs to be completed and then we can look at door for cupboard area.

External painting to be completed – partly done but paint different make/colour to original. Remainder of this paint can be used on back of extension – may need to repaint front area to match existing.

Locking cabinet and smaller fireproof box to be investigated

**[Action: Judy Earl]**

Access to new door – re-siting the ramp

Gutters – and rainwater storage – to be investigated

Draft of plaque in memory of Dawn to be taken to apiary so we can agree size etc

**[Action: Judy Earl]**

**[Action all points not otherwise allocated : Brian Desborough and Odette Thomas]**

- 5. Locks/Keys:** The apiary padlock has been replaced – old keys fit although some members finding lock stiff. The old padlock has been left in place so this can be used if essential Brian is to compile list for Odette of members who have keys.

**[Action: Brian Desborough]**

## **6. Hatch End**

Sheds –

Middle Shed – Brian reported this shed contained empty boxes and bits and pieces. The empty boxes can be thrown out. The old mower that was on permanent loan has gone. There is a filing cabinet containing old Foragers Judy agreed to take these to check – we will keep one copy of each. Queried if these should be held with old minutes by librarian. Also contains some old equipment that needs to be removed to the container. Use of this shed reviewed – members storage and storage of equipment for association hive. Shed to be cleared and then we can consider further

**[ Action: Brian Desborough, Odette Thomas, Judy Earl]**

End Shed – To be sorted – query if tools are to be kept here or in middle shed. To be used as workshop but little can be done until generator moved. Brian to look at fitting light run from wind turbine.

**[ Action: Brian Desborough, Odette Thomas]**

Hives/spaces – presently 3 sites with no hives. Brian and Odette will check and prepare list. There are already people waiting for places.

**[ Action: Brian Desborough, Odette Thomas]**

Maintenance – Brian will prepare list of jobs for next working party – 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – which will include spreading wood chippings. Essential work to be carried out includes trimming of hedge back near toilet, raking toilet chamber ( Brian to purchase long handled rake ) and refitting notice board. Brian will discuss ongoing jobs to be done with Odette.

**[ Action: Brian Desborough, Odette Thomas]**

- 7 . Out apiaries** – agreed that our policy is that on allotments where there is an

association apiary no hives should be permitted elsewhere on the site.

Yeading Ave : screening not yet in place. Judy said she's spoken to site rep Carol Tilsbury who will chase Eddie Slavin if it's not in place by spring. Agreed that the hives that belong to Bashir Fatiah are not on HBKA site but as they are there historically should be allowed to remain despite our present policy. No further hives to be permitted elsewhere on this site.  
Orchard Grove : beekeeper with 6 hives and 7 nucs is still expected to reduce number to 4 by Christmas,. Brian has offered to help move these hives and will speak to beekeeper. Agreed all hives are to be kept within boundary of apiary.  
Village Way: screening still needed. There are spare places at this site – to be allocated.

AOB – Brian gave Odette list of apiary managers jobs

Meeting closed 10pm