

## **Minutes Apiary Sub Committee - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**1 Present:** Brian Desborough, Pat Dutson, Judy Earl, Bill Fitzmaurice, and John House.

Apologies for absence: Moira Spiers, Jo Telfer and John VanDyken

**2 Minutes of Last Meeting:** agreed.

**3 Matters arising:**

**3.1 Water/electricity supply to apiary** – Brian reported that as sub metering not allowed we cannot obtain electricity via Montessori school. Water may also prove a problem as school does not have outside tap and again may not be allowed to supply us. Brian will continue to investigate.

**3.2 Main container partly cleared.** Bruce's shed also partly cleared and racking installed.

**3.3 Track improvements** – Brian chasing Dave Corby re scalplings for the track. John provided Dave Corby's mobile number - 07950 246981.

**3.4 Shed renovations** – shutters need to be finished.

**3.5 Generator** – generator housing to be considered. Pat to investigate if a "caravan tidy" would be appropriate.

**3.6 Disabled ramp** – it is now thought additional safety painting not needed.

**3.7 Debris on site** – a large amount already cleared. Clearing of remainder to continue.

**3.8 New cupboards now installed in ABC** – thanks to Bruce Telfer for an excellent job

**3.9 Paving slabs laid and remaining fencing installed** (thanks to Brian and John for continual chasing to get this done).

### **4 Website**

**4.1 John Lawton now has excellent website up and running.** It was agreed that the following be added to the members area:

**4.1.1 Apiary rules ( BD)**

**4.1.2 List of items available for use of members.** It was not

thought  
feasible to keep list of who has items at any one time on the  
website (JH)

- 4.1.3** Price list of items for sale – it was thought that having the list on the website may help Brian. It was agreed that the list needs to make it clear that prices are subject to change and items are not guaranteed to be available (BD)

**4.2 Grant Application and 4.3 Enviro-Loo** -The grant application to the Garfield Weston Foundation to fund the enviro-loo has been turned down. One difficulty may be that we have too much money... bank balance is £ £10747 excluding expected Gift Aid of £1072. Currently we have no creditors and the amount due to be paid to BBKA and Middx Fed in the autumn is under £100. The estimate for the Enviro Loo is £6768. Agreeing that we will ask the main committee to consider if we should pay for the Enviro loo from our own resources. If they agree then there will have to be a special general meeting to obtain the members consent.

**4.4 Netting** – John has bought two rolls of green netting. Agreeing that the easiest way for visitors to observe a hive is for the area behind the ABC to be screened off – possibly with the mesh panel already on site. Consideration to be given to a Perspex viewing panel in the screen. The area will need to be flattened and covered in weed prevention fabric. Netting and screening plants to be placed along new fence boundary. The nuc presently in this area needs to be moved. The observation hive can either be permanently on site or moved on for display purposes from elsewhere in the apiary.

## **5. AOB**

5.1 There are a large number of enthusiastic and demanding beginners attending the apiary on Sunday mornings. This is putting pressure on the members that attend regularly and there is an urgent need for more existing members (whether or not they have a hive on site) to come along and talk to them.

5.2 Association hives – to be discussed at main committee

5.3 An additional hive carrier, strimmer and picnic table have all been purchased

5.4 John authorised to purchase hedge trimmer from apiary budget.

5.5 Brian says board needs to be put behind the shutters, as there are

gaps where timber has shrunk.

Meeting closed at 11 pm