

BHG Zoom meeting 24.04.20

Present: Beki, Kate, Tom, Richard & Deena, Pauline

Matters arising: (carried forward)

- Beki to put an email together for circulation and comment by those present and then post on the website re how we are managing coronavirus and staying open to new membership BH
- Beki to email receipt for hurdles to Richard BH
- Goats need to be registered with new vet who deal with farm animals. (The one by Hanleys is Severnside) KW

Membership and Portions:

Online form checked:

Delete old form on 'Get involved' page

Add 'Household' to Membership title

Duck portion to say not yet open

Agreed portion costs from Richard's report.

Portion leaders to check and confirm back who is renewing so rotas can be organised KW/BH/RA

Publicity:

A3 laminated posters: Beki progressing with four families BH

Agreed not to post on Blakeney Residents Page but limit to website for now

Land: (carried forward)

Kate has circulated copies of the previous leases, Tom will look over Kenny's, Kate wants responsibility for historic existing structures included. TD

Beki and Kate to liaise about contacting Kenny for lease renewal on the goat field and organise now to allow fundraising BH/KW

Ducks:

Beth is incubating 12 ducklings, duck house needs to be ready in 6-8 weeks.

Beki to do concrete base 7'x7'x 4" thick, Tom to dig out. Shed frame to stand on base with rat proof mesh around the bottom. BH/TD

Beki to order electronic opening device for duck door, Richard to order timber (Travis Perkins are delivering, try calling Forest Products) BH/RA

Pond to be drained, Richard will empty volunteers needed for cleaning out R/A

Beki to ask Mark to pick up more duck food from Elton BH

Goats:

Tom would like to join milkers, Beki can train BH/TD

Kate to sort rota once numbers confirmed, could look at milking twice daily until the winter, then decide when to begin weaning kids.

Ration hay until this years harvest available, feed at night only sufficient fresh browsing available now.

Move pallets from barn as they become free up to lean to shed for new hay/straw store floor.

Kate to order more ear tags KW

Bees:

Doing well, 2 strong hives, 1 medium strong. Top bar to be moved to standard hive.

New interest for this season: Salima, Siobhan, Jan O'Niel, Father and son in Blakeney; Richard C renewing. Richard to follow up. RA

Richard advised is following National Beekeepers advice on social distancing

Tom volunteered to do some clearing of vegetation around hives TD

Veg:

Lots of progress teams working well. Beki and Peter on Wednesdays, Beki and Siobhan ad hoc., Richard and Jan particular jobs, Pauline every morning opening polytunnel and watering, Richard closing down every evening and sorting water supply.

Richard and Peter have begun grass cutting, between us potatoes and broad beans planted, runner bean bed prepared in the open garden. Salad crops progressing in polytunnel.

Defer bonfire as smoke will not be good for anyone nearby with the virus.

Tool library:

Kate, Beki and Beth to have subgroup meeting to take further. Possibly include adjacent polytunnel in the scheme? KW/BH/BT

AOB:

'Dig for victory' initiative being started by the District Council by Tom Forrester. Agreed would be good to find out more about this and possibly link up/join.

Next meeting:

Friday 1st May (time tbc) by zoom. Click on weblink in Beki's mail to join. You will need to download zoom first.

Be Well, PW