

## **BHG Zoom meeting 24.07.20**

Present: Beki (BH), Richard (RA), Steve (SS), Pauline (PW)

### **Matters arising: (carried forward)**

- Beki to email receipt for hurdles to Richard BH
- Goats need to be registered with new vet who deal with farm animals. KW/BH
- A3 laminated posters: Beki progressing BH
- Membership renewals outstanding:  
Barbara BH  
Lucy PW  
Marian BH

### **Membership and Portions:**

Christine and Tiffany Annual membership fee £6 top up still outstanding.

Justin and Mark(?) may join as members.

Sarah has a client in sheltered housing who may join the veg group with her support, she will contact Beki when ready.

Reintroduce the idea of 'Friends of Blakeney Hill Growers' for those who just want to be members.

### **Management:**

Steve is now signed up as a director.

### **Finances:**

Steve is now a signatory on the account, awaiting dongle from the bank once received Richard can complete hand over.

Beki and Steve to agree easiest way of paying feed bill at Hawthorne's who prefer card payment, we are not eligible for an account BH/SS

### **Publicity:**

Beki to circulate article written for Green Party leaflet with minor adjustment could be used for Blakeney Residents fb page BH

Siobhan offered to post in 15 Bells circulation Blakeney and Newnham SS

Beki reported problems loading images to the new facebook page, will check with Kate BH/KW

### **Leases:**

letter sent with Jenny's latest rent cheque requesting renewal , awaiting reply, cheque not yet cashed

Beki to phone Kenny BH

### **Land and Animal Management:**

Beki is completing contacts for Severn Trent water quote and will forward with £141.22 application fee BH

Tom is progressing with fencing repairs during site visits. TD

Beki and Tom have begun bracken bashing but need more help; cutting does not work, needs to be bruised or crushed eg with sticks.

Kate has reported problems with water supply pressure barely filling one butt after 4 hours, hose run needs checking and excavating where necessary for likely compression and leaks.

Beki proposed starting a ring binder to be kept in the milking parlour recording milk yields, and when jobs or treatments are done to make sure of a regular maintenance cycle (eg water systems) and inform for the following year, also as a place to keep instructions (eg auto gate). BH

**Ducks:**

8 ducklings now settled into completed Duckingham palace. 3 more to follow when bigger. Beth will lead the portion with support from Beki  
Instructions for auto gate in milking parlour.

Beth is hatching chickens and geese and is offering a goose (note don't they need to be a pair?)

**Goats:**

All looking glossy and healthy, Tom now milking on his own.

Beki has contacted vet in Ross, will chase up by phone

BH

**Bees:**

Richard now has new bee suits, will arrange a visit with Steve for next week.

RA/SS

Richard to email Beki list of portion members so she can set up messenger group

RA/BH

**Veg:**

Group work party is now on Thursday mornings 10.30-12.30 as it works better in the warm months, may change in september. Tom has just joined and Christine will come when she can.

Peas, beans, courgettes, and chard are cropping now. Potatoes ready soon.

Fresh hazel sticks needed for bean and pea structures next year, please put aside if cutting back this autumn.

**Tool library:**

No key available for the garage, hedge needs cutting owner being contacted

BH

Application for funding has been sent off, Beth to run membership and website but needs someone to undertake tool maintenance.

**AOB:**

Cider evening bracken bashing party to be arranged, all imaginative methods considered

BH/TD

**Next meetings: monthly**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 7.30pm by zoom. Click on weblink in Beki's email to join. You will need to download zoom first.

Be Well, stay safe PW