

## **BHG Zoom meeting 26.06.20**

Present: Beki (BH), Richard & Deena (RA), Steve (S), Siobhan (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 with four families BH
- Richard to order electronic opening device for duck door RA
- Kate and Beki to have goat handover session with paperwork. KW/BH
- Pauline to resume work on Severn Trent quote PW

**Membership and Portions:** Richard reported 7 members signed up for goat portion which is now covered

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

Membership renewals outstanding:

Barbara	BH
Lucy	PW
Marian	BH
Peter	PW
Steve	RA

**Management:** Steve has offered to take on treasurer post following discussion with Richard about what's needed; post confirmed. Richard and Steve to coordinate handover over next few weeks. RA/S

As appropriate Steve will also take on Kate's directorship. Richard will remain Company Secretary and Director, with Beki as third Director the minimum requisite number is in place. Anyone else in the membership who is interested is welcome to join.

**Company registered address** has now been changed to Beki's.

Alterations needed to:

Bank account	BH/KW/RA
Insurance	BH/KW
Website 'contact us' page, also check where the email contact is to go.	MM
Handover session for remaining admin/paperwork needed between Kate, Beki, and Richard	BH/KW/RA

**Publicity:** Two posters received, one for each field gate

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

**Leases:** Beki to enclose a letter (including email and mob contacts) with Jenny's latest rent cheque requesting renewal and explaining 5 year leases are required for funding applications, offer to email document if she is willing. BH

Beki to phone Kenny BH

**Ducks:** Ducklings are still growing now getting proper feathers. Richard to let people know when he needs help with the construction on site. RA

**Goats:** Discussions with Simon and Henrietta about setting up joint milking ongoing their goats will go to the billy in the autumn BH

Urgent fencing repairs to Gerry's boundary done by Tom and Beki, goats now released to main field and milk yield is up. Urgent repairs also needed to paddock fence alongside Loiterpin from muck heap to barn before goats can be left in again, some temporary repairs can be done by the barn end and remove any timbers or

items propped against the fence line. Works to be quoted for by Scott will need to wait for funding.

Fallen ash branch above fence line at muck heap is a safety issue, Tom volunteered to bring chainsaw and has appropriate ticket, but may not be covered under our insurance. Ash tree has **ash dieback** and should be cut down, is on Highway verge so may be their responsibility also near overhead power cables, Siobhan offered to contact Highways

SS

Fresh muck to be stored outside goat shelter for now, wheelbarrows off site at Beki's waiting for repairs, one still ok to be returned to site.

BH

Goat feed to be ordered from Hawthorne's, all feed bins now on the ground.

Kate 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.

**Bees:** Now have 6 hives including top bar.

Siobhan has bee experience but would like to join portion for more training before getting more of her own.

Richard currently working alone but with fb messenger could involve others (new interest and possibly including those with experience who made contact before lockdown) suitably distanced. (Note: Siobhan could advise on suitable precautions to be taken with protective equipment) Beki to help set up the bee messenger group Richard to provide any new contact details

BH/RA

Beki suggested land at small polytunnel opposite Kate's could be an ideal site for the hives, couldn't be moved until winter. Richard agreed could be ideal if security of tenure can be obtained, Beki to try contacting owner again

BH

**Veg:** Siobhan interested in joining in more regularly, current government guidance allows for up to 6 people meeting outdoors from separate households, the garden is big enough to allow social distancing. Currently Peter and Beki meet at 10am on a Wednesday, Richard and Pauline also probably Christine meet at 2pm unless it's very hot then 4pm.

Pauline to use fb messenger to confirm afternoon times on the day, Beki to add Siobhan to the garden group.

PW/BH

Need to find a good way of letting members know what veg are available when there is a glut, to order on the day, can be picked and left on the table for collection later, email??

**Tool library:** No key available for the garage, hedge needs cutting owner to be contacted

BH

Beth has written application, Beki to amend to bring under benefits of bhg umbrella as a separate portion and forward costings to Steve, Kate will check before final submission.

Beth to run membership and website but needs someone to undertake tool maintenance.

**AOB:**

None

**Next meetings: fortnightly**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 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