Minutes of BRAG E.G.M. Sunday 2 October ’16 3p.m.

1. **Apologies for Absence** –Jill Baker, Dick Elms, Tom Frenkrel, Genia Moccia, John Sawkins, Veronica Wagner
2. **Introduction to new Members’ Handbook and the revised Terms and Conditions of Allotment Tenancy** – given by Jenny Murison, chair who went through and explained the documents’ contents and why items are included. Members were reminded the documents are broadly as the recommendations and format of the Barnet Allotment Federation (BAF) although a few items in the Handbook are modified to give a more friendly tone and be more helpful to ourselves. E.g. we allow hosepipes albeit only to those who pay a premium on the rental, size of structures such as sheds are to be more strictly limited (Please apply to the committee using the form.) Several questions were asked and answered as best as could be done by the committee. Points raised were about the possibility of linking rental increase to R.P.I. (but at this is variable and an unknown), bonfires and the days and frequency allowed (Barnet Council allow 1 day per month in the lease), the 40 day rental payment rule (when exactly it starts), supervision of hosepipe use, trees in respect of shading also relating to boundary plots also safety and maintenance help, communication with members in particular to those using the pathway and far gate and not passing the notice board on the main road gate, also confidentiality in posting notices or minutes (no personal information about e.g. disagreements to be included), plot numbering posts and changes to plots happening over time.
3. **Resolution** *‘The members approve the adoption of the revised Terms and Conditions of Allotment Tenancy’* On a show of hands **the result was 21 for, 0 against, with 1 abstention. The resolution was thus carried.**
4. **Any other business** – A new notice board is scheduled to be put up by Christmas. Seeds from Dobies can be ordered now through Erica McCormick. A November Social is planned. There is to be an Autumn Fair in the Ewen Hall – see Maura for details. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*