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Subject: Grace and Flavour Garden Committee Meeting- Monday 25th Oct @7.30pm
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Notes from this evening, please let me know of any changes...

thanks
Ashley

1. Failures

- Tomatoes & Potatoes - Blight
- Onions - Small, soft and rotted - Cold spring?
- Aubergine - very few - Moles, pollination
- Sweet Peppers - very few for the amount grown

Decisions: Next year row less sweet peppers.
to reduce the number of potatoes, a first early (TBC), Charlotte

2. Fruit Cage

- Proposal to move the fruit cage due to the issue of bind weed taking over the current cage
- Some potential positions discussed that would work but a decision will be taken later after more discussion
- Bob is supportive and has discussed taking cuttings
- We would keep the old cage for several years whilst the new area matures

3. Paths

- The weeding of paths is becoming a problem, especially as several members have left
- Proposal to try the use of weed suppressant paths and/or wood chip
- A new roll would cost £130 and cover around 400m.

Decision: Trial covering the short bed area paths without wood chip.

4. Successes

Many successes this year, far more than the failures.

5. Bonfires

- To stay outside the wall for next season

6. Bed Markings

- Wooden stakes have caused some issues and constantly need to be re-marked out
- Agreed at Director's meeting that we mark a section using paint and the concrete edges
- Building team are going to mark out a section before Winter

Action: Ashley to purchase a large 50m metric tape measure

7. Beans & Pea Sticks

- Robin has provided contacts at Surrey Wildlife Trust
- John is going to speak to Amanda to find out who is contacting SWT to agree dates

8. Section between Bay Hedge and Polytunnel

- Suggestion is to cover the area with black plastic and leave unused next growing year
- Nothing was really grown on it this year and will cover in weeds quickly if left unused
- Claire has offered some black plastic which could be used to cover saving some of the weed suppressant

9. Asparagus Beds

- Suggestion to cover the middle section with black plastic due to weeds
- Leave for the next year before a decision is made on the use of the beds
- We will need to recover the weed suppressant currently under the wood chip

- Continue to use the last Asparagus bed until a new bed near the new asparagus area is established

10. Watering Rota & Polytunnel opening/closing

- Worked well this year
- Robin will need to be replaced next year on the rota

11. Purchases

- Manure - first load arrived this week - price going up to £70
- John has started purchasing seeds etc.
- Rhubarb needed for the new area
- New asparagus bed
- Weed Suppressant - 1 roll for the path trial
- Some fruit for the new
- Tape Measure