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TWICKENHAM AND THAMES VALLEY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the 656th Meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2017 at the Miller Hall,
41, Whitton Road, Twickenham.

Present: Patrick Brennan, Ted Chatley, Sarah Crofton, Warwick Francis, Michael Foster, Irek Gajowniczek, Alex Lawrence, Tony Wilson, Frank Wright. Ray Nicol, Mike Scotten, Neil Hilbery, Harvey Kirk.
(13).

Apologies: Chris Deaves , Ben Taylor , Jenny Band (3)

1. Minutes from Meetings 654 and 655 formerly approved

2. Quotations for proposed works

Twickenham

The quotations received from all bidders for the work to replace the plastic awning outside the Miller Hall and for enclosing the space to the side of Miller Hall were all considered too expensive and the projects have been postponed. It is proposed to seek alternative methods of undertaking the requirements.

Of the quotations received for the refurbishment of the Honey Prep Room, it was agreed to move forward with the quotation from NicoBuild, which offered the most detail in terms of actual materials to be used and Value for Money, subject to final clarification on requirements. (Post meeting note – NicoBuild have revisited and are going to requote on the revised requirements.)

It is envisaged the work will start late June taking approximately 2-3 weeks.

3. Mole Works

Work has been completed on the replacement of the gates. Final invoice to follow.

A considerable amount of work has been done in replacing the fencing at Mole by Alex Lawrence to the tune of £716.55 inc vat. After a formal vote, with the Hon Treasurer abstaining, the Committee reluctantly agreed payment of the amount without any formal receipts for the work. It was agreed that in future any such amounts would not be paid without receipts.

4. Treasurers update

The draft Report and Accounts 2016 have been finalised but as it is not possible to have another committee meeting before the AGM, Neil Hilbery proposed and the committee agreed that the draft should be circulated to committee members for consideration and to state whether or not the draft was acceptable.

5. ADM update

The BBKA will be publishing the minutes of the meeting in April. The Hon Treasurer will give an update at the T&TVBKA AGM on Friday 31st March.

6. Membership

Paid as at 02/02/2017

Full	79
Partner	12
Country	0

Hons	9
Junior	0
Family	10

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Mr Andrii Diachenko associate member transfer from Ealing
Diane O'Shea Family member to partner.

7. Proposed visits

It was agreed the 3 proposed visits : Dorset, APPG and Newbury was enough for this season.

AoB

- Invitations to take up paid advertising in local publications. It was agreed that we are successful enough in attracting suitable numbers of the Public to our events without the need to take out paid advertising. Attendance at events like the Twickenham Green Fair, Ham Common Fair etc will be continued and encouraged.
- A more structured approach is to be reintroduced for Beginners night on April 7th, with Beginners being split into 3 groups under the group leaders and shown around the various elements that make up the Apiary.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm. Next meeting: Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm