

The Marlow Allotments Association Committee Meeting

Minutes of meeting held 21st July 2025 at Marlow Donkey

Committee: Officers - Chairman John Stilliard, Treasurer Maren Talbot, Secretary Sylvia Miller

Members – Denise Bagge, Fred Tillier, Pete Cooper, Harris Ferris

Minutes Secretary for the evening – Shaun Kennedy

- 1 **Apologies for absence** - PC & HF
- 2 **Minutes from last meeting** - No matters arising
- 3 **Treasurers report & Membership** – MT reported on current finances, MAA is waiting for funds for Kings Seeds Commission, excellent income from the plant stands, there will be a saving on bank charges for August, the insurance costs should be the same as last year. Membership is 127 a drop against last year which was 138.
- 4 **NAS/NSAGL** – MT advised there remain several issues on clarifying MAA position, to be covered at the AGM with all members present at the meeting.
5. **Waiting lists and neglected sites** - SM reported that vacant plots FP x5, HH x11 plus x5 not currently in a state to let, waiting lists stand at FP 7, HH5 and 4 for either site.
6. **Over hanging trees & shrubs**- DB reported that there has been some activity at FP with one real issue regarding an apple tree overhanging from a resident's garden, being followed up by MTC. The funds, effort and priority from Council still not clear.
7. **Plant & Tool Stands** – MT reported these were both a BIG success, DB acknowledged the great effort by MT and JS. It was proposed for 2026 just one stand at HH to be held in the first week of June, with the aim to have greater number of plants that were in high demand such as: Cucumbers/Chillies/Courgettes etc – the proposal was accepted by those present.
6. **Events** – SM advised that there is a Dahlia talk in August and hopefully an Autumn BBQ, if the Council give their permission and we have sufficient interest from tenants.
7. **NEXT AWP meeting** – SM confirmed this is planned for August/September, so far proposed topics are: Fires/BBQ's, derelict playground by FP, Allotment Competitions this year, funding for dangerous & overhanging trees & branches, manure deliveries for FP during the winter update on the plot re-numbering planned at both sites, concerns badgers on site, ambulances blocking Prospect Rd plus there may be additional matters to cover.
8. **Newsletter.** SM has it in hand
9. **Communal areas** – SM proposed for FP new communal area that we organise two benches & a table to be installed there using funds from the grant. Plus, various items for a wild life area at HH & was agreed by Committee providing a volunteer will maintain the FP area. Action SM
10. **AGM 06:11:2025** SM requested all Committee Members standing for the next year to supply to her details of their proposer and seconder. The next meeting will need to cover the set up plans for the meeting
11. **AOB** - Main issue is deer and badger damage, with Deer also bringing the threat of ticks and badgers a risk with sets on school fields. SM liaising with MTC to resolve.
12. Next meeting September, must ensure that PC & HF can attend to cover AGM matters.