

The Marlow Allotments Association Committee Meeting

Minutes of meeting held 22nd September 2025 at Marlow Donkey

Committee: Officers - Chairman John Stilliard, Treasurer Maren Talbot, Secretary Sylvia Miller
Members – Denise Bagge, Fred Tillier, Harry Ferris, Shaun Kennedy **Guest** – David Howell
Minutes Secretary for the evening – SM

- 1 **Apologies for absence** - HF
- 2 **Minutes from last meeting** - No matters arising
- 3 **Treasurers report & Membership** – MT provided excellent reports on the current financial situation. Membership is 130 compared to last year which was 138.
- 4 **NAS/NSALG** – MT has spent many hours researching the problem and has attended several NAS meetings, which have shown substantial communal support to MAA from other members & groups present. NAS now agree that there is no need to change the current procedures, therefore, MAA is not required to supply detailed contact information of its members to NAS. The Membership form, MAA Rules and the MAA Data protection Declaration have been updated by MT, to be submitted for votes at the AGM.
5. **Waiting lists and neglected sites** - SM reported that vacant plots FP x4, HH x6 plus x5 not currently in a state to let, waiting lists stand at FP x6, HH x3 and x2 for either site.
6. **Over hanging trees & shrubs-** DB reported that there has been some activity, there will be inspections on both sites next year, plus an official inspection will be carried out then.
7. **Recent AWP meeting with MTC** – The main matters covered were:
Fires will be allowed, only in incinerators, from 15.11.25 to 31.12.25, should there be persistent rain during this period the Council will consider an extension.
There are no current plans for the derelict playground area by FP site.
Manure deliveries will be allowed at FP from 01.10.25 to 28.02.26, providing there is an adequate storage facility, ensuring that it does not spread or spill onto pathways, should this be abused the Council will place a permanent ban.
Plots will not now be renumbered, new marker posts will be placed on all plots with the existing number clearly visible, MTC would appreciate help from volunteers. **Action SM**
Allotment Competition will be discussed at AGM requesting ideas and suggestions from tenants.
There will be escorted groups from WI of the sites next year to encourage community awareness of allotments. **Action JS**
After inspections by Officials, it has been decided that the badger Colony in the school grounds does not cause a danger or health hazard to the children, parents or teachers so will not be re-located elsewhere. The Badger Society will hold a presentation to help us learn how to deal with and deter them from our crops.
The Council have agreed that residents from Marlow Bottom may apply for an allotment plot, certain conditions will apply.
MTC rules will be updated to include a section dealing with bullying on site, corrugated sheeting overhanging pathways & amend wording regarding bees on site to no beehives allowed.
8. **Newsletter.** SM will include most of the points above.
9. **AGM 06:11:2025** - Committee Members standing for the next year have given details of their proposer and seconder, SK & PC have stepped down, a new Committee member, David Howell, will be voted in. Volunteers to help with setup will arrive at 6.15 ready for doors opening at 6.45. SK will run the raffle, donations will be requested, once the invite is sent MTC will advise who can attend, to arrange the loan of a speaker system. **Action SM**
11. **AOB** – DB suggested advising members how to locate an apple press for surplus fruit next year **Action DB & SM**
12. Next meeting January 2026 SM to confirm a date after AGM.