

## **Marlow Allotments Association (MAA) Meeting: 2 February 2026**

Attendance: Officers: John Stilliard (Chair), Sylvia Miller (Secretary), Maren Talbot (Treasurer),  
Members: Fred Tillier, David Howell, Harry Ferris, Denise Bagge.

### **1. Treasurer's Report and membership**

Maren Talbot (MT) provided a summary of MAA finances and reported that there are currently 80 members. MT confirmed that the National Allotment Society (NAS) membership was not being increased this year. She had adjusted the calculation of payments to the NAS in line with their policy of counting only single memberships, which had resulted in a potential saving of 20% in fees due to the NAS.

### **2. Waiting lists and vacant plots**

Sylvia Miller (SM) reported that there is currently 1 vacancy FP and 6 at HH. In respect of the waiting list, there are 10 at FP and 3 at HH – 2 applicants would be content with either site.

### **3. Plot numbering and neglected plots**

Marlow Town Council (MTC) planned to keep the numbering of plots the same and to put a single post at the same point on each plot. As part of this exercise, MTC would evaluate the condition of individual plots and identify neglected plots requiring action by tenants.

### **4. Overhanging trees and shrubs**

Denise Bagge (DB) reported that in late December, MTC had arranged to remove the dangerous dead tree overhanging tenants at FP near the Glade Road gardens. In the last two weeks, MTC had engaged the Payback Team to cut down brambles alongside the fence area with the surgery and were now tackling the old playground area. The area by the surgery still required work to remove a huge amount of debris and the rubbish that had been revealed.

**Action:** DB to follow up with MTC about their removal of debris and rubbish, and whether MTC would be prepared to remove bags filled by volunteers.

### **5. Manure and hops deliveries**

SM said that hop deliveries would continue on an ad hoc basis.

SM said that HH would continue to get deliveries throughout the year subject to demand from tenants. However, in line with the agreement of MTC manure would only be delivered to FP until the end of February. Deliveries to the Dedmere Road gate would now stop and restart at the FP flats gate as Thames Water was no longer in attendance. In the Autumn, MAA would review where best to make manure deliveries at FP.

**Action:** David Howell (DH) to raise with the Chair of the Marlow Horticultural Society the fragile state of at least one of the sheds at the Dedmere Rd entrance.

### **6. Allotment Working Group Meeting with MTC**

The following items were identified for next discussion: deer fence at HH; tree and shrub work; plot numbering; neglected plots; competitions and prizes; manure deliveries in the Autumn; fires; playground area at FP; overgrowth clearance at small car park at HH.

**Action:** SM to liaise with MTC.

### **7. Plant & Tool (P&T) Stand 2026: 14 June**

The committee agreed that the P&T Stand had proved to be an excellent opportunity to raise money for the MAA. This year it would be held at Hanging Hill on 14 June. The committee supported MT's proposal that the stand could include a more general sale table. DH asked about starting seedlings now to provide plants for the sale. The plants in demand last year included: tomatoes; cucumbers, courgettes, and peppers.

### **8. Newsletter**

Items for the next newsletter included: date of the P&T stand and invitation to provide plants, tools etc to help raise funds; deliveries of manure and hops; volunteers to help tenants with health problems through advice and guidance.

**Action:** SM.

### **9. AGM follow up: action**

John Stilliard (JS) to follow up with Robin Teasdale about a possible pruning session on the allotment sites. JS to check with MTC about the removal of a shed at FP which had asbestos.

DB to send SM the text of the poster that she put up at FP so that this could be reissued with the MAA logo.