

Minutes from the Allotment to Former Highways Surveyors Meeting held on Wednesday 6th May at 20.20pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Steve Davies, Cllr Steve Wright, Cllr Robert Goodyer, Cllr Helen Young, Cllr J. King and Cllr Vicky Moore
Parish Clerk - Jo Boxall and 0 members of the public.

District Cllr G. Bambridge, County Cllr B. Borrett sent his apologies.

1. TO ELECT THE CHAIR OF THE TRUSTEES 2026/2027

It was unanimously AGREED to elect S. Davies as Chair of the Trustees

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - To receive and note Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from N. Dillon-Hatcher.

3. TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

J. King declared an interest on matter relating to the allotments as an allotment holder

4. MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Concern was raised about the increase in allotment rent proposed for 2027/28. It was explained that costs of maintaining the allotments needed to be met and the cost was still well below that of allotments in neighbouring villages.

Following concern raised about the lack of opportunity for the Allotment Association to engage with the Trustees, it was suggested that any concerns / queries be emailed to the Trustees ahead of meetings to give Trustees opportunity to consider / address them.

5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE / INFORMATION ON MATTERS ARISING

All matters were covered elsewhere on the agenda

6. RECREATION GROUND – To receive update on matters arising

To receive information on Balance Challenge play equipment and approve further action (including possible request for grant funding)

Following discussion, it was unanimously **AGREED** that Cllr Wright would work alongside the Clerk to seek assistance from Finding Fitness and produce a grant funding application (for approval by Council) in respect of the balance challenge play equipment. Concern was expressed about the lack of facilities for older children / teenagers in the village.

To consider / approve request from Bowls Club to cut path alongside MUSA

It was unanimously AGREED that as a copy of the insurance and Risk assessment was received, permission was granted for the grass cutting as proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Moore.

7. ALLOTMENTS – To receive update on matters arising

To consider / approve quote in respect of hedge cutting.

Following an allotment site visit, it was decided that there was no need to cut the hedge at the present time. Allotments 8A and 9 have been rotovated and seeded. It was acknowledged that there were three plots that required further inspection.

As one plot holder had paid their rent in cash, it was agreed that the Clerk could transfer the money on behalf of the tenant as there was no bank nearby as proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Moore

8. FINANCE - To receive a financial update and approve payments

It was unanimously AGREED to approve the payment for grounds maintenance (TTSR £389.80) in respect of the allotments and the recreation ground. The balance of the Trustee account was £2201.83, the balance of the CCLA permanent endowment fund was £1253.09 as at 31st March 2026.

Allotment rent of £439 to date had been received with two plot holders left to pay.

9. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

10. To receive information and items for future agenda

It was confirmed that there were three residents on the waiting list for a plot along with current plot holders wanting an additional plot

11. To approve the date of the next meeting – 17th June

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 17th June 2026 to follow the Parish Council meeting.

12. To close the meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.50pm