

1. ATTENDING:

Margaret Davis - Chair
Abi Grute - Trading Secretary
David Mogg - Membership Secretary and Webmaster
Alison Carling - Treasurer
Steve Elliott - Sheet Rep
Georgie Thurlby - Association Secretary

2. APOLOGIES:

Slaney Hopkins - Tilmore Rep
Jerry and June Germey - Tilmore Rep

3. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

A brief update was provided on the actions from the last meeting, as follows:

a. Tilmore

Georgie had been in contact with Petersfield Town Council (PTC) about several Tilmore related matters and they had provided the following responses to our questions:

- They were aware of the holes in the fence at the bottom of the site and it was in the pipeline of maintenance works to be done.
- They reiterated that removing broken glass from plots is the plotholder's responsibility and explained that they had contacted a tenant who had not yet cleared the broken glass from their plot to ask that they do so.
- They agreed that both noticeboards are in poor condition and explained that they are looking into replacements and will keep us updated.
- They had invited us to join their next plot inspection at the end of May, as we had suggested it might be a useful opportunity to share information. Agreed that Steve and Alison would attend the plot inspection.

b. New plot holders

PTC had also forwarded the contact details of a new plotholder as the plotholder had agreed to this. Discussed the best way to approach new plotholders to make them aware of STAA but not bombard them with information.

ACTION: Abi would send a short email to any new plotholders whose contact details were forwarded on to us, to introduce the association and the benefits of joining it.

The committee approved the minutes of the last meeting.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Alison provided a brief update as follows:

Community a/c balance as at 29 th March 22		£473.4	Deposit a/c: £146.58
Transactions	Membership fees	£30	
	Shed sales	£639.59	
Community a/c balance as at 10 th May 22:		£1142.99	Deposit a/c: £146.58

Alison confirmed that the signatory amendments paperwork had been received by Barclays.

6. TRADING SHED UPDATE

Abi provided an update as follows.

There had been no wastage from the potato orders which was good news. There were only three grow bags left and some other stock that would be fine to last over the winter and be sold next year.

Members had appreciated the shed being open every Sunday and it was agreed to keep the same opening times next year as it had worked well.

Confirmed that there is one more opening for the season, on 15th May. Agreed that it would be worth emailing round to let people know that this Sunday is the last chance to visit.

ACTION: Steve to email Jenny and Abi to email PTC to have the message sent out to all ploholders that the 15th May is the last Shed opening of the season.

7. MATTERS ARISING

a. Retailer discounts

David had done some research and found another allotment association which offers discounts - they can get a 10% discount at a local garden centre. Discussed whether it would be worth trying to pursue similar discounts. We have already investigated the Organic Gardening Catalogue which we will offer to members next season. Also discussed the Kings wholesale offer and whether they could be a supplier for the Shed. Action: David to forward the information to Abi.

b. Summer BBQ - arrangements

Alison had located the barbecues in Vanessa's shed, as well as the utensils and lots of charcoal from previous years.

Discussed logistics and agreed that it would be held at Sheet on the empty plot where previous summer barbecues have been held. Agreed that Sunday 14th August would be a good date, from midday onwards.

ACTION: Steve to check with the parish council that they are happy for us to go ahead.

ACTION: David to send out an email to members around the end of May to inform them of the date.

Other details such as quantities of food to buy etc would be discussed closer to the time. Previously a free hot dog and a beer or soft drink has been offered to attendees and they are welcome to bring their own food to share. Some people bring their families and it has generally been quite a relaxed event.

c. Vacant plots at Tilmore and relationship with PTC - update

Updates provided earlier in the meeting when discussing minutes of last meeting.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

One of the ploholders at Sheet is unwell and it was discussed whether it would be appropriate to approach them to offer help. Agreed that the Sheet members of the committee would try to find out some more details and whether this would be appreciated.

Alison raised the matter of the best kept plot competition and when the judging should take place. Agreed that the end of July would be a good time as most crops should be ready for judging at that time. The exact date of the judging would not be circulated, as we want plots to be judged in their normal state, but agreed it would be useful to circulate the competition criteria. As previously discussed, everyone at both sites would be automatically entered into the best plot competition following the request from Sheet Parish Council. Tim Dilks was happy to continue to participate in the judging but it was suggested that he could be presented with a shortlist of potential winners to reduce the amount of time he would need to spend on the sites.

Discussed the date of the next meeting - as Slaney has work commitments away from home during the week it was agreed to discuss which dates she could make before setting the next date.

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

Date of next meeting: TBC.
