

1. ATTENDING:

Margaret Davis - Chair
 Alison Carling - Treasurer
 Steve Elliott - Sheet Rep
 Georgie Thurlby - Association Secretary

2. APOLOGIES:

Abi Grute - Trading Secretary
 David Mogg - Membership Secretary and Webmaster

3. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Sadly, Jerry and June Germev and Slaney Hopkins had decided to step down from the committee due to other commitments.

ACTION: David to take contact details for Jerry & June and Slaney off the website.

It was discussed how a new Tilmore rep could be recruited. It was agreed that we would put a notice up on the noticeboard and also in the forthcoming newsletter and see if there was any interest. Action: Alison to put a notice on the Tilmore noticeboard and include the advert in the newsletter.

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 10 th May 22		£1,142.99	Deposit a/c: £146.58
Transactions	Membership fees	£17.50	
	Shed expenses	-£494.49	
	Shed sales	£355.76	
Community a/c balance as at 16 th June 22:		£1,021.76	Deposit a/c: £146.58

6. TRADING SHED UPDATE

Abi had given her apologies so there was no update this time. However, David had requested an updated stock list to put on the website. Action: Abi to put together shed stocklist and send to David to upload to website.

7. MATTERS ARISING

a. Summer BBQ - arrangements

Sunday 14th August had been agreed as the date for the BBQ and Sheet Parish Council had confirmed that they were fine with that. It would start at midday and carry on until mid afternoon. Discussed insurance - Jenny was going to check whether their insurance would cover it. Action: Alison to check whether our public liability insurance will be sufficient or whether a new policy will be required to cover the event.

Agreed that it would be a nice gesture to invite our contacts from both councils to the BBQ.

ACTION: Steve to invite Jenny and Robin from SPC to the BBQ.

ACTION: Georgie to invite Mark, Angela, Peter from PTC to the BBQ.

Quantities of food, drinks etc were discussed. Previously in 2019 the following had been purchased from Lidl: around 70 x rolls/buns, 50 x sausages, 25 beef burgers, sliced cheddar, 4 x 12-packs of lager, ice cubes, a couple of bags of doritos, some orange juice, and some big bottles of lemonade.

Around £60 was spent but it would almost certainly cost more this year because of the rising food prices. Agreed that around £100 would be an appropriate amount to spend.

It was agreed that the following people would obtain the supplies:

- Steve - burgers and sausages
- Georgie - veggie burgers/sausages
- Alison - all other stuff

Charcoal would not be required as there was plenty leftover from previous years.

Georgie will also make some big salads to share.

ACTION: Georgie to make a poster to advertise the BBQ and send to committee members to review (Steve to then put on the Sheet noticeboard and Abi to put on the Tilmore noticeboard).

The poster would say 'everyone welcome' and explain that if you're not a member, you can sign up and pay the £5 membership fee on the day.

b. Update following Tilmore plot inspections

We had previously asked Petersfield Town Council (PTC) if they would like one or two committee members to attend their plot inspections, for information sharing purposes and to help forge a closer working relationship, as this has been very successful with Steve at Sheet. Alison and Steve had attended the plot inspection on behalf of the committee, and they felt that this had been a very productive meeting.

Alison's notes were as follows:

They were organised, had a map and a list of plots they were 'watching' and plots who had been sent letters. There are around 6 letters going out and a few more plots are to be monitored and there are 29 on the waiting list.

Their policy on new plots is that the plot should be left as it was found when taken on. So if a newcomer wants a plot cleared the previous owner loses their deposit if the plot is in a state when given up. The clearing of plot 31c (Kev) was a one-off because it was so bad - not something they would normally do.

They have plans scheduled in to fix the holes in the fencing and were planning to replace part of it completely as some of the posts are rotten.

Mark wanted to cut the Willow tree 'hedge' on 31c right down but the new plot holder said to leave them. Non fruiting trees are not allowed to be planted and there was a concern that the Willow hedge remaining could cause a problem if they needed to ask other people to take out hedges.

Plot 41A has now been taken and plot 33A down the bottom is still vacant.

They are waiting for Plot 27 to be given up – this 2020 plot has been neglected for some time but a decision has not been made by the plot holders. There is interest in this plot, it has a new shed and a greenhouse and won't be hard to reassign.

Plot numbering was a huge issue. The council have had meetings to discuss whether to provide numbering themselves. I said I would highlight the problem in the newsletter and that numbering was the responsibility of the plot holder.

There was talk of fencing the plots to show boundaries and I hope that we discouraged that idea.

They were working from an old version of the allotment map so I have sent them a copy of my own map which is more up to date and shows the half plots more clearly. I am also planning to walk round and update and share my own map with PTC and yourselves.

There was confusion over plot 18's shed which appeared to be on someone else's plot (18A). It turns out that the plot holder has both plots (18+19A) and has written permission from PTC to have 2 sheds on plot 19A.

ACTION: Alison to put a notice on the noticeboard to remind all plot holders to label their plots properly, and to include a note in the next newsletter.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Steve had attended the plot inspection at Sheet as usual with Jenny and Robin from SPC. They were keeping an eye on several plots and had sent out several letters.

The next newsletter would be coming out by the end of June. Items to include were: reminder to plotholders to label their plots, judging criteria for plot competition, advert for new Tilmore rep, advert for summer BBQ, and the Organic Gardening Catalogue seed offer for 2023.

ACTION: all to send any more items to Alison for inclusion in the newsletter.

The plot competition judging would be held at the end of July and Alison and Steve would put together a shortlist for Tim Dilks to judge.

ACTION: Alison to email Angela at PTC to ask for the list of newcomers over the last year for the plot judging competition. (Steve had already asked Jenny for Sheet)

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19th July 2022, 7.30pm.
