

**1. ATTENDING:**

Margaret Davis - Chair  
 Alison Carling - Treasurer  
 David Mogg - Membership Secretary and Webmaster  
 Georgie Thurlby - Association Secretary  
 Kate Wighton - Tilmore rep

**2. APOLOGIES:**

Steve Elliott - Sheet Rep  
 Abi Grute - Trading Secretary  
 Julie Yardley - Tilmore rep

**3. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING**

The committee approved the minutes of the last meeting.

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Margaret had been speaking to the staff at Petersfield Town Council (PTC) following some reports from association members about the letters they had received. We had offered to attend plot inspections to assist with information sharing, however PTC had decided that they would only invite us to inspections at the beginning, middle and end of the year. We had asked if we could be consulted before letters were sent out and the answer was no. Margaret had also asked if the standard letter format could be looked at to make sure that there was a proper explanation of what needed to be rectified, as it would make it easier for the plotholder to be able to comply with the guidelines. We had had a report from another member who had said they had received another letter that had more detail than the previous ones, so that was a positive.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alison provided a brief update as follows:

Community a/c balance as at 19 <sup>th</sup> July 22:		£1,036.76	Deposit a/c: £146.58
Transactions	Shed sales	£253.47	
	Petersfield Town Grant	£50.00	
Community a/c balance as at 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug 22:		£1,340.23	Deposit a/c: £146.58

**6. TRADING SHED UPDATE**

Abi had given her apologies for this meeting so there was nothing to report.

**7. MATTERS ARISING**

a. New Tilmore rep(s)

The committee welcomed Kate who had expressed an interest in filling the role of Tilmore rep.

Julie had also expressed interest but had been unable to attend this meeting so was hoping to be at the next one instead.

b. Summer BBQ - rescheduling

The committee had taken the decision in the previous week to postpone the summer BBQ that had been planned for the 14<sup>th</sup> August, as the weather forecast indicated a continuation of the extremely hot dry conditions and it was felt that the wildfire risk was too high with the ground being so dry.

It was discussed whether it would be a good idea to reschedule for September and we decided that due to the extent of the drought it would not be certain that conditions would have improved enough in the next month to be sure we could go ahead, and the closer the date would get to autumn, the more likely the weather would be inclement and we would have to cancel again.

With that in mind it was decided not to hold a BBQ in 2022 and to plan for the next one in summer 2023.

- c. Kings seed catalogues for 2023  
David has received three boxes of catalogues for the new season and would store them in his garage until the AGM. Agreed that the default would be to suggest that people use the website and we would only offer the paper forms if asked. The website process had been very well received last year so it was expected that this would not be a problem.
- d. Tilmore allotment user group meeting in September  
PTC have organised their annual user group meeting for the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Discussed whether it would be useful for us to offer to represent association members' views as this had been done for the meeting last year and the councillors had been receptive to the matters raised by u.  
**ACTION: David to email the Tilmore members to ask if they have anything they would like us to raise on their behalf at the user group meeting.**

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Competition judging  
Alison and Tim had done the judging for the best kept plot competition at Tilmore and had got halfway through the plots at Sheet (but had had to pause the judging as the day had become too hot to carry on). It was hoped that they would be able to complete the judging in the next few days. In the interests of fairness they would keep in mind that the crops might be affected by the abrupt change of weather and would take this into account when judging the second half.
- b. Newsletter for September  
Alison would like to issue a newsletter in September and would include ideas for minimising water usage, for example, planting everything in a bowl or depression in the soil, encouraging ploholders to harvest rainwater etc. Discussed whether the water bill for the two sites would be much higher this year, and whether there would be issues with the councils.
- c. AGM  
The date of the 2022 AGM was proposed for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.  
**ACTION: Georgie to book the room at the Half Moon following confirmation from the other committee members that they would be able to attend.**
- d. Vice Chair  
Discussed whether there should be a Vice Chair as a position on the committee. It was agreed that if the Chair should be absent for a meeting, the committee would pick a temporary Chair for the meeting so it would not be necessary to have a permanent Vice Chair.

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 7.30pm.

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