

## **1. ATTENDING**

Margaret Davis - Chair  
Steve Elliott - Sheet Rep  
Abi MacDonald-Grute - Trading Secretary  
David Mogg - Membership Secretary and Webmaster  
Andy Perrins - Secretary  
Kate Wighton - Tilmore Rep

Andy was welcomed to the meeting and appointed Secretary (proposed by Margaret, seconded by Steve).

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Alison Bazley - Treasurer

## **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as correct.

## **4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The former supplier of wood chips to Sheet is no longer operating. Lesley Farrow (Petersfield Town Council) is making enquiries to find a replacement source.

**ACTION: Margaret to chase.**

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

In Alison's absence, David delivered the headline figures: current account £659.17; deposit account £146.89.

## **6. TRADING REPORT**

Takings have fallen by about 35% from the £1600 achieved by the equivalent point during covid. There was some discussion of possible reasons, both beyond our control (e.g. competitors not operating during lockdown) and within it (e.g. duration and frequency of shed opening periods, start and finish dates of the trading season). It was agreed that:

- i. Abi and Steve will continue to review opening hours.
- ii. The annual barbecue may be used (as in some previous years) as the opportunity for an end-of-season at-cost sale to clear stock and improve the trading figures for this year.

iii. Abi and Steve should not hesitate to seek support from other committee members to operate the trading shed.

Abi and Steve were thanked for their sterling work.

## **7. SUNFLOWER COMPETITION**

The details of this year's competition will be announced shortly.

**ACTION: Kate to purchase 1st and 2nd prizes.**

## **8. ALLOCATION OF TILMORE PLOTS**

It appears that the allocation of vacant Tilmore allotments to new tenants only takes place during March each year, regardless of when a plot becomes available. This means that would-be tenants are kept waiting unnecessarily and previously well maintained plots fall into disarray. In some cases, a whole growing season may be lost.

**ACTION: Margaret to raise the matter with Petersfield Town Council.**

## **9. DATE OF ANNUAL BARBECUE**

It was agreed that the barbecue will be held at Sheet Allotments on Sunday 20th August at 13:00.

## **10. BANKING**

Abi reported that the restrictions of the present STAA bank account mean that some transactions require Association officers to use their personal accounts as "stepping stones". This is clearly unsatisfactory for several reasons.

**ACTION: Alison to be asked to investigate.**

## **11. DATE OF AGM**

The AGM is a convenient occasion for collecting members' potato orders. For many years, it has been held in November, but this means that orders are late reaching the supplier, so choice is often limited. Abi therefore wondered if it might be possible to hold the AGM earlier - perhaps in September. David explained that the timing of the meeting is dictated by the need to prepare the accounts following the end of the financial year. It was agreed that we should investigate the possibility of shifting both the financial year and the AGM.

**ACTION: David to discuss with Alison.**

**ACTION: David to check the constitution to see if the membership would need to be consulted formally.**

## **12. RUBBISH**

It was reported that rubbish has again been dumped just inside the Tilmore gate. It isn't clear whether this is the activity of fly-tippers or of optimistic plot holders hoping that someone else will solve their problem.

**ACTION: Margaret to consult the Council about clearing the mess.**

## **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee will be at 19:30 on Tuesday 13th June at The Half Moon, Sheet.

The meeting ended at 20:40.