



Scruton Allotments Association

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Meeting Minutes Held at the home of Richard Zealley 2nd November 2023

ATTENDANCE: RICHARD ZEALLEY, IAN POWELL, JOE LOFTHOUSE, ELIZABETH DAVIES, JOHN VICKERS, ANDY VENUS.

APOLOGIES: NONE

Welcome	Comments	Action Points
1.Minutes of last meeting.	September 7 th was the last full committee meeting, a pre fest meeting was held on the 28 th Sept, no notes made.	
2. Finance update	RZ, had circulated a full balance sheet prior to the meeting, the food festival had proved to be a success providing an overall profit on the day of £230.	
3. Food Festival review	Around 30 people attended the inaugural food festival, incorporating the Chris Snell Potato comp, produce stall and the centre of the event Gilly Cooper and our own Joe Lofthouse. Whilst feedback was spasmodic the overall opinion was one of an enjoyable day and hoping it would become a regular event for the village.	2024 event to be looked at expanding and incorporating into a wider event, to be discussed.
4. Pre-Planning 2024 events	<p>With the association developing and looking to bring in more events the need to plan and not have too many events close to one another was agreed, after a long debate, the following programme and approximate scheduling was proposed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association AGM late January with speaker. • GQT Village Hall Mid April. • Food Festival to be potentially linked to the village fate held in the village playing fields June. • Allotment association competition/s, September at the allotment. • Cookery Demonstration village hall, late October. <p>Hopefully, we can encourage more involvement from the allotment holders but also it was agreed that we need to engage with our members better hence the September event.</p>	All proposed events are subject to confirmation, availability of speakers, venues, and agreement
5. AOB	<p>Concern had been raised again from the cricket club regarding the parking on the field and the condition of the surface being churned up.</p> <p>Proposal from the chair that the committee report back with their findings relating to small job, repairs, and maintenance of the site, prior to a meeting to be held on a date to be confirmed (7th or 14th Dec) Suggestion is to develop a general working party programme linked to the grass cutting rota.</p>	



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	<p>JV reported back on a recent meeting with the developers relating to the solar farm project. A village sub-committee had been set up to link with the developers.</p> <p>Saturday 11th November will be the village bonfire with the association in charge of the BBQ, time frame, set up 1600, BBQ lit and ready by 1700, first customers from 1730, fireworks due to start 1900, event closed by 2000. JV to identify location and electrics, Arc lights are available from IP.</p>	<p>An audit to provide an exact number of produce to be relayed back to JV by 6th Nov, RZ to circulate request for help</p>
6. DONM	<p>Proposal of the 7th or 14th Dec to review 2023, and the findings from the maintenance survey.</p>	<p>Venue to be confirmed.</p>