



## Scruton Allotments Association

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### Meeting Minutes Held at East Grange House, Scruton. 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

**INVITED TO ATTEND ANDREW CARTER.**

**APOLOGIES:**

	Comments	Action Points
<b>1. Finance Report</b>	RZ provided a break down as the recent situation regarding the accounts given the income from the past events and projected outgoings. Discussion took place as to the proposed rents for 2025	RZ to put together proposal for the proposed rent increase for the AGM
<b>2. AGM</b>	Date confirmed as 17 <sup>th</sup> February Scruton Village Hall 6.30 for a 7.00pm start.	Format for the evening to be put together JV & RZ with input from JL
<b>3. Project Proctor</b>	Project agreed to go ahead with the proposal, with a title of <i>Nursery &amp; Propagation Area</i> , to be open to all village and surrounding residents who would like to understand more about the background and development process of propagation, seed development, potting on etc. Association to initially provide first seed packages as well as using some of the area to grow a cash crop such as "Pumpkins"	More details and a timeline to be announced at the AGM
<b>4. Work Parties</b>	It was agreed that the format over 2024 for work parties had not been a great success due to several factors. Agreement as to the best way forward would be to hold specific days rather than just asking people to attend with no plan of what needed doing. Examples of successful days were such as the movement of sheds, with this in mind it was agreed that AC would undertake the cutting of the tops of the boundary hedges, allotment holders to attend on the 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan to tidy up their area of hedge cuttings.	RZ to circulate date and instructions via the association 'WhatsApp' format, with encouragement to those not yet registered to do so as this would be an increasing format of informing plot holders
<b>5. BBQ health &amp; Safety update</b>	Due to ongoing issues with the use of the large communal BBQ, 4 members of the association are now aware of the correct lighting process. Request had been logged regarding the construction of a wind break.	



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<b>6. Update on Compost Situation</b>	Whilst the provision of the two loads of compost that were delivered to the site, it was clear that there is an issue with the amount each plot holder should access. Suggestion is to create another gate/access point so that in future loads can be allocated to each side of the plots.	Committee to look at the best options prior to any further deliveries
<b>7. AOB</b>	<p>AC provided the committee with his proposal to house two beehives adjacent to his plots, AC was currently attending a specific club to help him understand the logistics and be mentored by an appropriate member from the club.</p> <p>John Cook's plot had been cleared and was now vacant, we still have one possibly two plots available, we have in the meantime received one inquiry regarding vacant plots, RZ to contact the applicant.</p> <p>Given the increasing array of equipment that was starting to be required addition storage is now becoming a major issue. The existing communal shed will need to be cleared and re-evaluated as to what can and cannot be stored.</p> <p>Notice board needs to be updated now that weather is hopefully starting to improve and plot holders are starting to come out of hibernation.</p>	<p>Proposal to invite Phil Braithwaite to help answer any questions that might arise from the AGM.</p> <p>Suggestion for a work party event</p>
<b>8. Date of next meeting</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 venue to be confirmed.	