



Scruton Allotments Association

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Meeting Minutes Scruton Allotment AGM held at Scruton Village Hall 17th February 2025.

ATTENDANCE: Andrew Carter, Ian Powell, Janice Powell, Joe Lofthouse, Richard Zealley, John Vickers, John Cherry, Ken Ross, Andrew Venus, Hazel Pratt, Will Pratt, Elizabeth Davies, Andrew Hinson, Sue Burnett, Marion Ewart, George Ewart, David Long.

APOLOGIES: Susan Rogers, Joanna Cresswell, Joy Beardsworth.

Welcome	Comments
Welcome & outline for the evening by Chairman.	The meeting was opened by John Vickers who thanked everyone for their attendance. As with the 2024 AGM, the committee had looked at several issues and events which would be covered later in the evening. The normal format for the AGM would follow the review and reports from the various officers.
Chairmans report	As with previous years the association had been invited to attend the village feast and fireworks evening to oversee the BBQ, it is an additional source of income which is a welcome addition to the bank balance, the chair thanked all those who gave up their time to support both events. The association in the form of ED and RZ attended the RAF family day at RAF Leaming with produce donated, the annual potato competition and BBQ was held, whilst the committee had endeavoured to put a full programme of events together across the year unfortunately, due to a number of Scruton village events the proposed evening GQT event was cancelled. Work to provide sheds to plots where needed along with repairs to those continued.
Treasurers Report	<p>The financial situation of the association continued to be stable as ground rents provided the main source of income. As was outlined in the 2024 report, ground rents would again be increased to help make up the short fall to the landlord given that there was no increase prior to 2023. An increase of £5.00 was agreed and passed.</p> <p>The income from the attendance at the village events along with the income from the food festival along with the ground rent had provided a balance of £1,600.00. However, please be aware that plot rents and the payment to the landlord still has to be paid for 2025 out of this amount. The deposit account has a balance of £1,030 having attracted a small amount of interest.</p>



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4. Secretary's Report	The secretary provided a written report circulated at the beginning of the meeting alongside the agenda, whilst not wanting to read the report verbatim it was asked if any questions were raised from the report.
5. Election of Officers	In line with protocol the secretary took over the meeting and asked for any nominations for the position of chair. JV was again proposed and seconded. The chair then asked for nominations for the position of treasure, RZ was proposed and seconded. The chair then asked for nominations for the position of secretary, IP was proposed and seconded. The association committee was proposed and seconded on block, consisting of the current officials along with Elizabeth Davies, Joe Lofthouse, Andrew Carter was proposed and seconded.
5. Keeping Bees	Following last year's presentation from Phil Braithwaite on the keeping of bees, Andrew Carter has been undertaking a course on beekeeping and would like to house the bees near or adjacent to his plot once he has completed his training, AC gave a short presentation to the meeting which was informative, but any decision was deferred until a later date.
6. Members Forum	JV outlined to the meeting potential future developments and proposals which centred on the benefits of the following matters. Work Parties to the plot, Cricket Club car park and the use and availability, Compost and Compost Bins, Flooding of entrance to plots, Memorial to Chris Snell.
7. Project Proctor	Following the availability of land JV updated the meeting on progress which so far had been cleared by a small number of volunteers from the association with a view to grow a potential cash crop of pumpkins.
8. Project Orchard	The potential to provide a community orchard on the back of the development of the solar farm are still ongoing and to date no further progress has been made.
9. Events for 2025	<p>Village Fest: 28th June 2025</p> <p>Fireworks BBQ: November 8th 2025</p> <p>Events from previous years had been successful in raising funds for the Association. Members were encouraged to participate in this year's events. Support for any or all these events brings in additional funding to provide upkeep of equipment along with keeping expenditure to a minimum.</p>
10. AOB	At the conclusion of the meeting a thank you to all attending was given by the chair and the proceedings closed at 9.30pm.