



Scruton Allotment Association AGM Meeting Minutes

Held at Scruton Village Hall 27th February 2026 7.00pm

ATTENDANCE: J VICKERS, R ZEALLEY, A CARTER, E DAVIES, J LOFTHOUSE, I POWELL, W PRATT, H PRATT, J CHERRY, K ROSS, A VENUS, L VENUS, J POWELL, A HINSON, E ROBSON, M McGUCKLIN, ROB PRITCHARD, D LONG

APOLOGIES: J CRESWELL, R CORT, S ROGERS, S BURNETT, J BEARDSWORTH, S NYE.

	Comments
1. Welcome from the Chair	As the current Chairman, JV welcomed the 12 members and 6 committee members and officially opened the meeting at 7.00pm.
2. Chairs Report	<p>The chair gave an overall resume of the year and outlined his own position relating to running not just his plots but also as chairmanship. JV requested that his thanks be recorded to the committee for their support while he had been away. JV expressed his thanks to AC for stepping in as interim chairman from October 2025. Work to the infrastructure plots had continued and overall had been a good year for produce. Over the years the association has been able to bring in additional income from various village and surrounding village events, this has helped with the ongoing running costs of the association, and it is important that we continue to source additional income. The addition of the plot provided by Kevin Proctor which has been developed as a nurse plot to help provide supplementary plants along with the development of cuttings and grafts taken from various heritage fruit trees from around the village courtesy of Joe Lofthouse is proving a success. From this a crop of pumpkins grown and donated to the village residents proved a great success. It is hoped that there will be a change in the format of the future committee meetings to have a least two as open meetings with the members to gain their thoughts and feelings on the running of the plots.</p> <p>Due to family commitments JV would not be seeking re-election as chair but would still be willing to sit on the committee.</p>
3. Treasurers Report	<p>RZ announced that the association was in a relatively good shape with just under £3k in the current account along with funds in a deposit account. However, with the financial year not ending till April it is difficult to provide a final balance as plot rents are still to be collected and passed on to the landlord. The committee had purchased a Teak Bench as a memorial to Chris Snell.</p> <p>As a short summary we had income of £850 from village events, £800 from plot rents. Expenses were in the region of £300 in 2025 however, it is</p>



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	<p>projected that this will rise due to the need for additional materials to around £1000 in 2026.</p> <p>A full report and financial statement is available on the association web site.</p>
4. Secretary's Report	<p>Having had a slight misunderstanding on the availability of his report submitted, IP eventually was able to provide an overview of the past year. A full account is available on the association web site, but as with chair this will be the last report provided as IP was to stand down as secretary, I think it is time for new blood and ideas to take over, it has been an incredible few years since Chris suggested then persuaded me to get involved with the association and have seen it develop into what it is now.</p>
5. Formal Part of the AGM Election of Offices.	<p>With the need for a new Chair, nominations were taken with Andrew Carter being proposed by John Vickers and seconded by Will Pratt. And was unanimously passed.</p> <p>Richard Zealley agreed to continue as treasurer.</p> <p>Nominations were sourced for the position of secretary with Matt McGucklin being proposed by John Vickers and seconded by Andrew Carter.</p> <p>John Cherry proposed a vote of thanks be recorded to both the outgoing Chair and Secretary for their endeavours over the past years and as a token of appreciation the committee presented both with a bottle of malt whisky.</p>
6. AOB	<p>With the formalities of the AGM finished the meeting was opened to the members to raise any points they felt appropriate.</p> <p>Various topics took place covering the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position of the commemorative bench for Chris Snell. • Removal of the communal water but at the rear of the communal shed • Larger and more prominent notice board. • Clearer identification of any produce or materials left for other members to collect. • These and more will be carried forward to the next committee meeting <p>The passing chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8:15 pm.</p>