

Minutes of SHA Committee meeting 23rd February, 2026

PRESENT Annie Griffiths (chair), Ian Potts, Trevor Wyatt, Nevil Yildiz, Juliet Mann

APOLOGIES: Jill Russell, Julie Yogasundram, Jo Sheehan, Liz Denver, Garry Doyland?

1. Minutes of the last meeting: Accuracy
Approved

2. MATTERS ARISING

The Devolved Management docs as forwarded by Jill to be further discussed at next meeting.

It was noted that Annie needs more volunteers to help with Barn Events, general running of the Barn etc.

Nev felt his skills are under employed and he volunteered to take over designing the monthly posters and possibly the cookbook?

The rest of us who were there couldn't see any other gaps we could fill, or swap!

3. MAINTENANCE

Ian to finish drainage at the side of the Barn and then start fence repair by the Trading Shed track.

Reported that the gravel by the Wood Vale Gate hasn't really worked.

It was proposed that we spend £200 each to replace rotting notice boards.

Also agreed that we try 6 X £30 mats on the grass in front of the Barn to act like the bod paving on the main tracks.

In liaison with tree surgeon explore removing the large tree on Plot 91A and cut it small enough to remove debris in a wheelbarrow to avoid any damage to plots.

Maintenance group (compost area?) Ian and Garry to discuss Sunday 15th?

4. SITE INSPECTIONS, PROBATIONERS, LETTINGS

Inspection in the Spring, possibly May, 2 X probationers, no free plots but possibly one coming up, waiting to hear from Alex Fraser re. a possible termination.

5. TRADING SHED

Deliveries with large lorries have been a problem. Hopefully now solved with the supplier and smaller vehicle.

6. BARN EVENTS AND FUTURE PLANS

Trevor to think about planning a 'Bird Song' group (no more than a group of 6) in May

Juliet to contact Esther about a Spring Bee talk

A Summer Barn party Saturday June 27th to be discussed and confirmed at next meeting?

Ian to follow up and get details from the Art House about his Film Screening possibly September

Nev to follow up enquiry from plot holder Richard House's daughter who wants to run an Art Workshop in the Barn. How does she imagine it would work, does she want a fee....?

Many thanks to Jill for producing such an informative History of our site...it is selling very well.

Julie had circulated an updated calendar of centenary events – attached to these minutes.

7. COMMUNICATION WITH PLOT HOLDERS

Wednesday March 11 th	Barn Cafe
Sunday March 22 nd	Discussion group and lunch
Sunday 26 th April	AGM

Pre-meeting note from Jo: Jo will prepare a report covering the full year for the AGM. We will also need to prepare the report of activities this year and future plans which we should discuss at our next meeting.

Pre-meeting note from Jill about communication with plot holders about invoices: At our July 25 meeting "we agreed that next year, in addition to strengthening the all-site emails we send to tenants about invoices and payment (by sending four separate reminders and stressing that non-payment can result in a termination), on receipt of a list of 'non-payers' we will work with the allotment officer to improve the collection of outstanding rents." Victoria sent us her 'non-payers' list of 20 tenants, asking us to send emails to each of them, which had to be individually composed to include their invoice ref no. and amount owed. 10 tenants have replied, 6 had paid their invoices back in January, 4 paid on receipt of our email and 10 have not replied. Doing this has been a time-consuming and laborious process, and my view is that it's unreasonable of the

allotment service/Haringey accounts to expect us to do this. I suggest we feed our committee view back to Victoria and Alex Fraser.

8. FINANCE

Jo sent an update.

9. FEEDBACK FROM ALLOTMENT FORUM MEETING

Ongoing concerns about annual invoicing by the Council.

Emphasis placed on it being the tenants responsibility to maintain correct contact details and make concession claims on time.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annie has sent out a poll re. March 23/24/25

Calendar for centenary events

Date	Activity	100th Activity	Lead
November	Winter warmer 30 th November Annie	Calander available for sale	Liz Achieved
December	Wreath making		
January			
February	Potato Day 8 th February Annie	Release of History Book	Jill and Ian Achieved
March			
April			
May	Plant sale 10 th May Annie	Scarecrow competition	Annie
June			
August	Band concert 9th		Annie
August		Film shown	Ian
September	Produce show 12th	Flower and Produce show Publish cookbook	Juliet Julie
October			
November	Winter Warmer Annie		
December			