

	Shepherd's Hill Allotment Association Committee Meeting Minutes Minutes 1st July 2026	
	Present; Juliet Mann, Jill Russell, Annie Griffiths, Liz Denver, Nevil Yildiz, Julie Yogasundram. Apologies: Trevor Wyatt, Jo Sheehan, Stephanie Zonca, Ian Potts, Garry Doyland, Shazia Sardar.	
1.	<u>Minutes of last meeting: accuracy</u> No corrections. Minutes approved.	
2.	<u>Matters arising</u> Several people have written in support of the toilet on site. Natalia Naranjo has offered to review a draft grant application. Jill to let the toilet working group know about the offer. Jill reported that Victoria had replied supporting our proposal to have a toilet on site. Annie reported that she and Ian have spoken with the Arthouse about a showing of Ian's film. Currently they've arranged for a private hire showing on Wed 21st October, for 90 people max. We agreed there is likely to be more interest and so Annie and Ian will liaise with Jenny at the Arthouse to see what other proposals might work and bring this back to the committee. Private hire would be £150.00. Plus £350.00 to convert the film to the correct format for showing.	JR IP/AG
3.	<u>Maintenance</u> The committee thanked Nev for putting together an excellent report on the development of the communal compost area, and Liz and Nev for their hard work on getting the area working so well. The next working party is going to need more and strong volunteers to help shift the green waste from one bay to another. Jill had contacted Haringey tree section about the willow tree overhanging the Montenotte track. Reply from Victoria: "I have had an update from the tree team and Alex has instructed for the Willow tree overhanging the road into the allotment to be felled to ground level & the stump treated with ecoplugs. I don't have a date for work and if one is provided to me I will pass the details on."	JR

5.	<u>Site inspections/probationers and lettings</u> Juliet reported that the recent site inspection resulted in two terminations. We agreed that, with their permission, we will welcome new probationer tenants in our regular newsletters, so people are aware of new tenants and when passing can say a friendly hello. Annie to circulate list of tenants that we keep in the trading shed to committee members. Outgoing tenants from Plot 40 reported how the plot is affected by shade and roots from the large sycamore the other side of the boundary fence. We agreed that the tenant on 122B could use the shed section of the old chicken plot.	AG
6.	<u>Trading shed</u> Annie will order some larger sturdier bags. We will also ask tenants to bring their own container if possible if buying loose produce. A new volunteer is needed to join Kent on the rota.	AG
7.	<u>Communication with plot holders</u> Reminder that if borrowing barrows to make sure they're brought back. More reports of stolen produce – blackcurrants, apricots, gooseberries. Ask everyone to keep an eye on any suspicious activity and report thefts. Reminder to prune bushes and trees over 3 metres. Information about food bank collections starting again. Jill to edit FAQs for new tenants and circulate for next meeting. We agreed that power tools, including electrical ones, should not be used on Sundays and bank holidays after 1.00pm.	All JR
8.	<u>Barn events and Future plans, including AGM</u> The recent summer picnic was very successful – a lovely atmosphere and some great musical entertainment. We agreed that next year we will encourage people to bring food to share.	

	Brass band – Sunday 9th August 1 – 3pm. Nev to make a poster. We'll serve lunch from 12.30 (no discussion group that day). From the last lunch it seems 6 salads work best, with people choosing a selection of 3. Wed 8th July: café at the Barn Wed 12th August: café at Barn Juliet to liaise with Esther about her possibly doing a bee talk at the end of August. Centenary Show: Saturday 12th September – Juliet is working on the best way to organise this. Cookbook – Julie and Jill have been meeting with Bill who has produced some preliminary designs. Julie has collected 50 recipes, and now at the stage of getting people to test recipes and take photos. Agreed to launch at winter warmer. Also agreed to give a donation from sales to the food bank. We will set a date for the winter warmer next meeting.	NY JM JM
9.	<u>Finance</u> Nothing to report.	
10.	<u>Allotment Forum</u> Juliet will attend the next meeting.	
11.	<u>AOB</u> We checked through the AGM minutes for any actions we need to follow up: Juliet will look into getting a sign for gate. Jill to talk to Beth Brown about JKW. Agreed that in the absence of any action from Haringey we will suggest that Beth talks to Nev and to Liz, both plot holders who have managed the JKW on their plots. We agreed for Julie to use the communal plot for a small children's party. We had received a proposal from Amanda Lebus for her to be an artist in residence on the site. All very positive about this, and will respond to her, with the suggestion that it would be nice to include some workshops that involve plot holders. Also it's something that if it works well we could expand to other plot holder artists.	JM JR

12.	<u>Date of next meeting</u>	
	August 11 th 2pm.	