

Winchester New Allotment Holders Society Ltd (WNAHS)

Minutes of the Management meeting held on Wednesday, 15th October 2025

Present: Mike Moore (Membership Secretary), Chris Moore (Treasurer), Nigel Dobbie (Edington Road), Maria Keniston (Park Road), John Ryder (Trussell Crescent), Michelle Ryder (Trussell Crescent), Chris Bullen (Stanmore sites), Charlotte Williams (Secretary), Nirina McCartney (Greenhill Road), Rosie Mellor (Cromwell Road), Lorène Latour (Kingsley Place) & Janet Haughton (website)

1. **Apologies** were received from Chris Pearce (Chair), Jo Townsend (Trading Shed) Bob Borrill (Vice Chair), Manorma Ward (Deputy Membership Secretary)
2. **Introductions:** Rosie was introduced as Convenor for Cromwell Road and Lorène as site Convenor for Kingsley Place
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** the Minutes of the meeting, dated 16th July 2025, were approved
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting dated 16th July 2025**
 - a. **Newsletter:** Link to the letter was recently sent and resolved
 - b. **Trading shed concrete base:** two contractor visits have occurred, with one quote received. Another quote to be gathered from another contractor.
 - c. **Cookie Policy:** new privacy and cookie notice to be shared with members via the website.
 - d. **Waiting list:** Waiting list information was shared with site convenors in the meeting

5. Reports:

Membership

- Renewals have been distributed to all plot holders via post
- Future intent remains to distribute renewals via email with the support of Gordon Associates
- Proposal was made for mandatory collection of email addresses for all future plot holders to enable ease of correspondence. Everyone agreed.

Treasurer

- Accounts for previous financial year shared and are reflective of the increased rent anticipated from the Council
- Water consumption is shown based on estimates. It was discussed that if anyone would like to take a meter reading then to please send this to the Treasurer.
- Majority of payments received following renewal letter distribution. Support was requested for a few outstanding payments.

Website

- AGM documents to be shared as soon as available.

Trading Shed

- No updates

Site Reports:

- **Park Road:** No updates
- **Eddington Road**
 - Replacement of fence posts completed and problem with lock resolved
- **Stanmore sites:** No updates
- **Trussell Crescent:** No updates
- **Greenhill Avenue**
 - New site rep taken on to support with maintenance
 - Tree pruning to be conducted
- **Kingsley Place**
 - Some trees are overgrown and overshadowing some plots, also presenting as a potential safety risk. If on WNAHS land, then will be pruned, otherwise to be discussed with the Council.
- **Cromwell Road**
 - Confirmation that site representative will remain for another year
- **Lisle Court**
 - All plots taken, but a couple are overgrown to be discussed with plot holders.

6. Site lease renewals

- Latest e-mail to Winchester City Council chasing new lease was dated 26th September. It noted that 16 months had passed since initial communication.

Response received, dated 10th October, saying that the enquiry will be chased with their Legal team, and that the delay is not due to the Council not wishing to grant the new lease.

As mentioned in previous Committee meetings, 'Heads of Terms' have been agreed but these remain subject to receipt of a formal contract.

7. Planned site, Trading Shed and other improvements

- New suggested improvements were provided by meeting attendees, including:
 - Noticeboard on every site. To be costed up.
 - Apple press and pasteuriser
 - Professional pest management
 - Tree maintenance at Kingsley Place
 - Eddington Road compost toilet. Quotes for this to be gathered.
 - Solar panel for the trading shed
- List of suggestions to be captured centrally and discussed in future meetings.

8. 2025 AGM

- Due to take place on Thursday 20th November at 1900hrs at Westgate School.
- Guest speaker will be Ollie Hutson, Group Head Kitchen Gardener at Home Grown Hotels (owners of the 'Pig' group of hotels and restaurants).
- Tea/coffee and biscuits/cake to be provided unless any objections received.

9. AOB

No AOB items

Future dates:

Committee meeting dates (to be held at the Parish Room, St Pauls Church, Winchester, SO22 5AB)

- Wednesday, 14th January 2026, 19:30-21:00
- Wednesday, 15th April 2026, 19:30-21:00
- Wednesday, 15th July 2026, 19:30-21:00
- Wednesday, 14th October 2026, 19:30-21:00