Winchester New Allotment Holders Society Ltd (WNAHS)

Minutes of the Management meeting held on Wednesday, 29th July 2026

Present: Chris Pearce (Chair), Chris Moore (Treasurer), Nigel Dobbie (Edington Road), Michelle Ryder (Trussell Crescent), Charlotte Williams (Secretary), Rosie Mellow (Cromwell Road)

1. **Apologies**: David Trueman (Firmstone Road), Maria Keniston (Park Road), John Ryder (Trussell Crescent), Chris Bullen (Paulet Place North and South, The Valley), Lorène Latour (Kingsley Place), Giles Gooding (Princes Place), Bish Osbourne (Lisle Court)

2. **Approval of the Minutes:** the Minutes of the meeting, dated 15th April 2026, were approved.

3. **Site lease renewals:**
   - The Council has now provided a draft lease. This has been reviewed by the Chair, with notes to be shared with Committee Members and liaison with site convenors where necessary.
   - It was agreed that WNAHS will instruct solicitors to review the lease and flag any non-standard clauses. The aim is for the revised contract to be shared with Committee members ahead of the next Committee meeting on 7th October 2026.

4. **Changes to Constitution, Byelaws & membership paperwork**
   - It was requested that members review the proposed changes and feedback to the Chair by 28th August.

5. **Hosepipe ban/restrictions**
   - Communications have been distributed and uptake in using watering cans is positive. It was felt that no change to the approach is required at this stage.
   - There is potential to explore the installation of more taps to reduce the distance travelled for some plot holders. Site Convenors to identify where this would be beneficial.

6. **Plot rent changes 2026/27**
   - Due to the significant increase in water consumption year on year, the WNAHS rent income is now insufficient to cover costs. At the next Committee meeting, water increases to be shown year on year using Park Road as a proxy, to inform a decision on how much rent should be increased. Any future changes would come into effect October 2027.

7. **Reports:**

Membership:

- Email receipt challenge is ongoing with support pending from Gordon Associates.

Treasurer: No matters to report.

Website: No matters to report.

Newsletter:

- New contributors are required for the Newsletter to create balance across the sites. Articles can be on topics of interest to the contributor.

Trading Shed: No matters to report.

8. **Site Reports:**

- **Park Road:** No matters to report.
- **Edington Road:**
    - Earlier in the year, one quote has been received for the resolution of the drainage problem, which was high. No further quotes have yet been sought due to dry, warm weather.
- **Trussell Crescent:** No matters to report.
- **Greenhill Avenue**: No matters to report.
- **PPN, PPS & The Valley**: No matters to report.
- **Cromwell Road:** No matters to report.
- **Princes Place:**
    - Water leak has now been resolved.
- **Lisle Court:** No matters to report.
- **Kinglsey Place**: No matters to report.

9. **AOB**

- Change of next mtg. to Wednesday, 7th October (currently scheduled for Wednesday, 14th October)
- Danny Chambers visited the Park Road site recently and showed interest, particularly in the bee keeping.
- It was queried whether physical membership cards are required still. It was advised to check with Trading Shed Representatives.

- Current Chair communicated that, after 5 years in the role, he will be standing down at the end of September and a replacement Chair would therefore be needed.