



Bishop's Waltham Gardening Club



Registered Charity No.
1169353

Minutes

Date: Monday 19th May 2025 at The Shed

Time: 7:30 pm

Present: Maewyn Cumming (MC), Linda Haysom (LH), Ron Haysom (RH), Alison Perry (minutes) (AP), Gill Hamill (GH), Gill Williams (GW), Larry Mabey (LM), Anthea Mabey (AM), Robin Breach (RB), Kate Cassell (KC), Simon Hill (SH)

| Item | Minutes | Actions |
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| 1. Apologies for absence | Dave Bennett Katrina Lucas has resigned Co-opted Simon Hill | |
| 2. Minutes of previous meeting | Couple of updates – AP has amended | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP to send out amended and final mins |
| 3. Actions list – Outstanding Actions from April Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCB to approach PC about container on site – to do. Show Committee to send DB list of classes so that these can be programmed to go out on socials. Finalising LM to write paragraph for why mushroom compost good and MC/RB to include in newsletter/email – to do | |
| 4. Finance | <p>See LH's finance papers. £160 interest so far from savings accounts. No budget revisions this month. At present budget is showing £1193 shortfall however by month 6 showing a small profit – so no issue. Had additional donations = £61 – good result. Still waiting for payment for 1 person on coach for Beaulieu Wakefield – BWGC covering loss of £94.92 (too many Nat Trust members). £1149.33 – plant sale plus some extras to come in – super work.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MC/LH to chase Beaulieu non-payment |
| 5. Membership | Steady numbers of members . | |
| 6. Trading | Big order coming in 22/05/25 | |

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| | No more long planks at present, currently all stock in shop is profit. Hops in demand | |
| 7. Plant sale debrief | <p>Thanks to everyone for helping – trustees and volunteers, GH written to all helpers to thank them. – it was a great day and really successful. Well done to Gill for organising a super event!</p> <p>Trustees agreed that 1 day was best but slightly shorter. It was decided that next year (2026) would be Sat 9th May 10am -3pm</p> <p>Parking – full on plots, disabled parking by shed, Pricing seemed fine – lots of comments that plants were good value so suggest to increase all prices by 50p for 2026.</p> <p>Suggestion to try to split the coffee/cake from the plants for next year so can see how much each makes.</p> <p>Coffee station to have a pay station as well as 2 plant stations</p> <p>3 people at start of day on the coffee station.</p> <p>Vols/trustees to work shifts so all can have lunch.</p> <p>This year one issue was what to do with left-overs – trustees agreed for 2026 that any left overs will be sold in the shop next day and then offered for donors to pick up anything left outside and for donations after that.</p> | |
| 8. Allotments | <p>Waiting list 5/6 people,</p> <p>One big plot given up, AM will split into 2/3,</p> <p>Few plot holders written to, to remind about maintenance of plots</p> | |
| 9. Allotments - maintenance | <p>Taps – reminder to switch off – lots of people watering with hoses,</p> <p>Bonfire bottom field, out of season, no BBQs,</p> <p>Mowers – core of 4 all running ok, 3 need minor repairs, looking for alternative repairer,</p> <p>Toilet door not working – not catching, LM agreed to fix, agreed to buy chisel for shed maintenance, Agreed we still want to use Payback – Need list of jobs</p> <p>Great visit from Mayor – Liz from Payback there – some press – all positive and lovely letter received from Mayor.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC to send out email reminder about watering with hoses • LM to fix toilet door and buy chisel • KC/LM to produce list of jobs for Payback |
| 10. Allotments - road(excess gravel)/fencing/ | <p>Still no decision for shed gates from PC</p> <p>Fencing to be done 9th June – all ordered</p> <p>DCB in contact about storage container</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCB to chase PC about gates alongside shed |

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| H&S/Drainage | Gravel – Ditch cannot be filled in PC have decided – this has H&S implications so we need this in writing from them. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCB to get confirmation in writing from PC about filling in ditch |
| 11. Monthly programme | Next meeting – 28 th May – Steven Oaks – Birds | |
| 12. Social programme | <p>Agreed - Aug BBQ – 10th Aug in the afternoon – family event. LM/RB/SH to coordinate.</p> <p>Agreed – Social - Priory Park Oct – ideally with Ghost kitchen or someone catering – GW agreed to start organisation until new trustee can be found. Ideal dates of 10/17th Oct - Friday, pm. Suggested a Quiz would be a good activity.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LM/RB/SH to organise Aug BBQ at shed • GW to start initial organisation of Oct social at Priory Park |
| 13. Annual Show | <p>All in order, 26th July</p> <p>Judge – new – could do with experienced stewards</p> <p>KC and AMcG, LM doing cabinet,</p> <p>Need volunteers for making cakes,</p> <p>Raffle donations – SH to donate some prizes,</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC emails for cake donations/raffle donations for Summer Show |
| 14. Update / publicity / social media | <p>SH – Instagram, 30 followers in a week - #'s set up, Website still work in progress</p> <p>MC had drafted a plan of the site - so we all know where people mean if plot holders say tap ? is not working. AP could potentially do it on GIS so to scale.</p> <p>KC to number taps on the plan</p> <p>RB – newsletter ready for June 1st, local publications told about, sent item to Hampshire Chronicle about raised beds and this was picked up – need to add socials account to press releases.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All to think of posts for Instagram/FB, • KC to number taps • Number gates (plus new ones) • MC/AP to work on map/plan of site • RB to add social media accounts to press releases etc |
| 15. Community orchard | Frame been replaced – AMcG and vol did this. | |
| 16. Charity programme/Butterfly Garden | <p>Library – RH to confirm dates in the summer</p> <p>Kids Treats – July, all in hand, have vols signed up</p> <p>AP had been in discussion with BWJS – they would like someone to come to school to talk to their gardening club. LM agreed to do this. AP to liaise with school.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP to speak to BWJS about LM coming to talk to school gardening club. • AP to find out who the vols were at the school |
| 17. Any other business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Complaint – need to log request with highways for 20mph limit/double yellows – check which section is adopted otherwise will need to speak to PC as owners of the track. • Strimmers – back by 1145, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP to check adopted highway • AP to log request with Hampshire Highways |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MC to send out reminder that strimmers need to be back by 1145 at the weekend. |
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Meeting finished at 2125.

Next meeting: Monday 16th June 2025 at The Shed 7.30pm