

## RUSHDEN PERMANENT ALLOTMENT AND SMALL HOLDING SOCIETY LIMITED

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Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting Held on Thursday 22 July 2021

Grafton Rd Store

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:09pm

### Present:

Russell Jarvis	RJ (Chair)	Dave Flook	DF (Vice Chair)
Pam Clark	PC (via video call)		
Mark Cox	MC		
Anita Jarvis	AJ	John Lowe	JL
Ray Mc Donnell	RMc	Alan Martin	AVM
Anita Medlock	AM	Shane Webster	SW
Peter Swindley	PS		
Pasqu Di Salvo	PDS (Treasurer)		
Jayne Evans	JE (Minute Secretary)		

### Apologies:

None

### 1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Proposed DF

Seconded SW

RJ while we are on the minutes I am very conscious on the amount of work that Jayne is having to do now that we are having them verbatim and the length they have gone to 29 pages which makes difficult reading. So I had a look at them and by just de-duplicating a little bit, but not removing anything that Jayne typed and losing some of the blank lines and sorting the fonts out a bit, I got it down to 22, and everything that Jayne typed is still in there. All right, to make it easier because I am conscious about how much you are having to do Jayne.

JE I have bought a potential draft copy that goes to 10 pages but that is obviously with all of the discussions removed, that was just the decision making.

RJ yeah

JE it is not my decision, it is just a suggestion you know

RJ all we do is take off the member's names. Now with a couple of other subtle changes it will make it even easier to reduce the thing, because what I did find, that through there we had 3 different font types and sizes so that mucked it up a bit and I removed additional blank lines that gave us another half page

JE so what font size

RJ there were different font sizes in the text and font type

JE so what font size did you put it into

RJ I ended up as 9 but I didn't do that originally that only saved half a page

JE so will you be able to read it though

RJ yup

JE that was my concern

RJ we had some at 11 and some at 12 some at 10 some at 13

JE ok

RJ so when you did all of that and just crunched some of the spare lines up here that took nearly half, three quarters of a page alone out. Erm, and on your table, of, for your actions, because you are having to put commentary in there as well as below, there is a lot of duplication

JE yup

RJ if we remove the table and only have your commentary but drop down everything you would normally have in here

JE mmmmm

RJ but across the page instead of blocking it, you can get rid of all of this space

JE ok but how do we create an action plan so that we can see exactly what we are supposed to be doing

RJ it's still there, you still have your actions, that's what the subject is, there is all of the previous up dates, there is only one on this one, and at the bottom the action

AVM what are we talking about

MC I haven't the foggiest

AVM its point 9 that is when it is supposed to be

MC what are we chatting about

RJ it is easier to do it now in case Jayne needs to change the thing put down differently

JE at the moment we have an action plan table that has the subject, the date etc etc and Russell has a proposal for a different format

RJ because that table alone is taking up 6 pages

AM at least its readable though

RJ I'm finding it difficult to go back and forwards though, if we want to have a table, if we take all of the commentary out and use it to just have the single line with the status, we get it back to less than a page

MC will that work for you Jayne

JE it is not my decision

RJ it's what we used to have

JE so do you want a table with just the name of it across

RJ yes, like we use to have, have I got one of the old ones. We used to have that and any commentary below, but where you are trying to put commentary in 2 places and double typing, in one item, you have had to type the same block of text 3 times which seems a waste of your time

JE it is just a copy and paste

RJ it seems a waste of your time

DF can I just say these amount of notes we are generating it's only what we as a committee we've asked her to do

RJ yes I know, I'm trying to help her

DF as she's a paid servant of the society she's just done what she's been asked

RJ I'm not criticising Dave

DF it is a lot of paperwork

RJ I'm trying to bring up some things to help Jayne reduce what she's got to do

DF yeah yup, of course hopefully as she's typing it, as it's the first face to face meeting that will probably reduce it as well.

RJ yes I just don't want to see Jayne

AM as long as everything is still in there in the context that it was said

RJ yes

JE OK, Dave was saying that I was asked to do it in that particular format Pam (JE speaking to PC as she was attending the meeting via teams)

RJ so I used Jayne's version 5, I didn't remove anything she had typed, but just took the table out, but kept what was inside the table and just had it going across because if you have a look, you have got all this blank, this huge amount of blank space

MC it's nice a readable though isn't it

RJ no

AM what the one you are proposing

MC what does yours look like

RJ it is like we used to have it, it's still all there, nothing has been taken out

AM as I say, I like the red yellow and green

JE so if I did the red amber green and put the subject, you will need to put an agreed action, but just the agreed action from that particular meeting, then I can still RAG it at the end and put who is supposed to do it. Yes?

RJ but all of this you have already got

JE yes I can do that its fine

RJ all of this is already below, you are going backwards and forward and when you are reading it you have to go backwards and forwards and there was a couple that didn't marry up. Ok, and with the warning letters as well. If we keep them in their dedicated section but don't have them in the action plan list, and us field stewards, instead of waiting for our field reports we bring any new ones up in there, when we come to the field minutes you can just drop that section, just put a summary in of counts. Because John was concerned about them being in the field minutes anyway that general members would see if that is a genuine concern. We have always suppressed the names out but there's always been the detail, but if we put everything where we have been having the requests for them in the field minutes and the list, if we put them all back in one, you can just drop that out and put in a summary for the first letters or whatever and that would sort John's concerns out.

MC- I think Jayne has done a good job and now you are saying you don't want all of these sheets and all the rest of it. You are the one saying you want to put the minutes so that the members could read it and have it on computers, and you for one has then not put them on the board because they are too long

RJ- yes

MC – which way do you want it

RJ – actually there are very few that haven't got access to the internet now

MC-oh so it's a different song today than before then

RJ-I didn't realise that there is an awful lot of members

MC- going back to what we were saying before, the members still need to read them

RJ – yes, I'll print them out.

MC- so if they want to read them they can read them

RJ- 22 pages so we can put that up but 29 pages doesn't fit on the board

MC- it's no biggy is it-we are talking about 7 sheets of paper

RJ- yes but it won't fit on my notice board

AJ- its 28 sheets of paper over 4 fields

RJ-yes

MC-I don't know what it is but you are talking just a little bit of paper

AM- as long as everything in context and not swayed one way or another

RJ-no no no. I didn't change anything Jayne typed, I just tidied it up

MC-we spoke to a chap last night who absolutely loved it, reading it word for word

AM- some of the members on our field yesterday said they liked it

AJ- someone on our field has done the same, they like to see what's going on

RJ- there is a lot of members that we don't have an email for but do work the internet

MC- there's also, by your own words, that don't have access

RJ- I've been surprised lately by how many, there's 2 or 3 who I didn't think had access and they now have it to keep in touch with their families

MC-I'm surprised how quick you have changed your tune

RJ-well talking to members you find out things don't you. Also with the action list, that went on for 5 or 6 pages

JE- I put things in like the letters and things like that

RJ-I just dropped them out so that I could follow it and I got it on 2 – I think we only need the headlines, we don't need the previous, we can go into the minutes for that

MC-you don't want the previous on the actions

PC -I think they should be left

RJ- which I don't take any notice of

MC-maybe you don't

RJ-because I read the text, it's the text I am interested in, in progress or started or whatever

JE- Pam has just said, if anyone can't hear that she just wants to keep it as it is

RJ-Id like us to thin the paper usage down and I don't think there is any need to number them, just the date will do

AM- we need to keep the red yellow green

AVM-drop the previous bits

JE- can we print it back to back rather than put it on separate sheets flat on the board, have it leaflet style

MC- we have all of the information in there which I think is needed

RJ –2 of the fields go on doors like this, the ones here go on that door with a staple gun, same at Bedford Rd, we don't have enough notice board

JE -page by page

RJ-page by page because we don't have notice boards.

PC- use staples

RJ-if we take the warning letters off your action list as well and keep that as a separate entity, I think that would be a good place

MC- are we all agreed, as its just Russell and Jayne talking

RJ-first of all I want to bounce it through Jayne as Jayne's got to do it

AM- it's no good saying it twice

JL – sorry I was late

MC- Hello John

JL-the only thing I've got to say, it took 5 versions to get the last ones sorted don't want to do that again.

AM-that's because people kept saying that was said and that was said but that wasn't

MC we only need one version

AM- now we are face to face there will hopefully only be one then

MC-Jayne will be able to pick up what's said better and get it right first time

JL – it's hard to read 29 pages

RJ- I got it down to 22

JE- the quantity is still there though isn't it, it's just in a smaller font

RJ-no no I took your table out, if fact you could make it 10, I tried it before I did 9 and it didn't take it down that much

RJ- your concern John was about the warning letters

JL – I am new and my concern is based on I don't think as a member I would want to read I really don't think membership want to read the full minutes, I am concerned that some of the things that are being typed I don't think should be seen

RJ-they are entitled to apply to see the full minutes anyway

JL – some of the things shouldn't be seen

RJ – You were worried about the warning letters.

AM- the warning letters don't go onto the field minutes, just put the number on

RJ- just drop the names but what I am suggesting, instead of bringing them up in field reports, we bring them up in the warning letters section and then you can just drop that section out of the field minutes and maybe just put a number in there about the issue and that's it

JE-that's what I have put on this as a suggestion (referring to a suggested draft template for the field minutes)

AM- you don't want all that information going out

JE- just the number of warning letters and how many there were for each field

RJ- yeah we just drop them from the table completely

RJ- And really, I just want this to be simple because we don't want to turn this into a cottage industry for Jayne, just keep the amount of paper work down because it's difficult to keep following this around and looking at it. And the other thing is, the things you have listed here should just be under any other business.

JE- that's what I did and then someone said to me that they should be items

RJ-I know, but that is the way we used to do it so they still get on there as an item

JE- that's ok, I'll change it

RJ-its easier to follow with the numbering

JE-so you don't want them to be under agenda items, just under any other business

RJ- but they are still agenda items but they go under any other business, they are still listed

JE-ok

RJ- then you won't have a problem with the numbering

JE-I have to say I have never done anything like that before, as for me pre-requested items become an item and then any other business is something that is bought up at a meeting

RJ- but we have been working off a standard agenda

JE-so how does everyone feel about that

MC-I like it how you are doing it

RJ- see that's how we have always done it, and with the AGM, it's all very standard

JE-Any other business to me is what comes in

MC-tonight

JE-yes tonight

PC-adhoc yes

RJ-yes but any other business is anything that's not our normal stuff

MC-but we don't always get round to any other business, a lot of stuff I mean how many meetings did we have when we didn't have any other business, any other business didn't get done

PC- yes I agree

RJ- I'd like to see, I think your numbering with be fine then will be consistent going forward

JE-so how would you like it, agenda items numbered and then any other business

RJ- that's how we used to do it

MC-as you are doing it now

RJ-you asked to go back to Mark

SW-I'd rather have agenda items and any other business that's adhoc

RJ-that's how we always used to do it Shane like that, they were always on there but everything was under AOB

SW-that always used to confuse me

RJ- really, I've never seen it done like that anywhere before

PC-I have

AM-its simplicity isn't it

RJ-it's probably doesn't matter what I say because you'll just vote against it Mark won't you

AM-that's not the case Russell

AVM-the thing is Russell I don't see anything wrong with what she's done here

RJ-except I want to reduce the number of pages and the amount of duplication that Jayne is having to do

AVM-the agenda is just 2 pages

RJ-the whole lot generally

AVM-I don't know how you are going to change it by just moving those 4 items to there

RJ-no but if you listen, oh that's a minor point, the amount I was talking about in the minutes

AVM-the minutes we have talked about and we are happy with that, we'll try and reduce it, but more importantly should the agenda items all come under any other business. They are numbered items, things that have been deliberately requested. The same as minute secretary which is now number 1 instead of number 9

RJ-yes but that's all of this, I wanted to bring it up right at the beginning in case Jayne needs to take some notes a bit differently. It doesn't matter

AVM-it's a minor thing

RJ-I'll drop that one in the drop box to see what you think

MC-can you send us all a copy of that one so that we can all see it to compare it

RJ-But there's nothing missing, I've just moved it around a bit

MC-we at the minute, we don't know what we are talking about do we, you are talking to Jayne and we don't know what you are on about. So if we can look at both versions

RJ-oh ok

MC-we need to see it

RJ – Ok we'll go through the actions now

## 2. Actions From Previous Meeting

No colour = new action this meeting/action from previous meeting modified

**Red** = action not started

**Amber** = action in progress

**Green** = action completed

*Note - numbers not sequential, completed action numbers removed from table*

Action No	Date arose	Subject	Action Required	Action Taken	Person responsible	RAG status
2.1	20/02/21	CCTV signs	Distribute signs	Signs at WR and HR, needed for BR and GR	MC	To be removed
2.2	20/01/21	Investments	Letter sent to Mr Wilmot, no response	No action stated at this meeting		
2.3	17/02/21	Silent alarms	Faulty alarms to be retuned	To carry over to next meeting	SW	
2.5	17/03/21	Spare keys	MC and RJ to meet	No action stated at this meeting	MC & RJ	
2.8	17/03/21	Security fence and rubbish removal	Quotes for fence and rubbish removal	To carry over to next meeting	AVM	
2.14	19/05/21	Card reader for current account	get card reader for DF	DF now has card reader	PDS	Remove from plan
2.16	19/05/21	Water bills	Separate bills for each field	All water bills now separated	PDS	Remove from plan
2.20	19/05/21	Large metal container	Find costs incll. modification	To carry over to next meeting	DF	
2.22	18/06/21	Equipment log	JL to be provided with a log	JL now has log template		Remove from plan
2.23	16/06/21	Notice re hose pipe use	To be displayed on gates	No action stated at this meeting		
2.24	16/06/21	Request from member re shooting rats	BR field steward to support with rat elimination	PC to speak to member and provide support	PC	

### 2.1 Discussion record (CCTV signs)

**Previous Action dated 16/06/21 MC-to give the signs to the Field stewards**

RJ-ok CCTV signs

MC- I apologise I forgot to bring them up

RJ-actually, that's such a minor thing, drop that off now

MC-it still needs to be done though doesn't it so

RJ- well, we've got signs up though

MC-oh you've got signs up on your field as well then

AM-yes on the gate

MC-I haven't even looked at them

RJ-they were free

MC- I'll pop round one evening, are yours on the front gate

RJ-yeah

MC-I'll pop up and change them that would make more sense

RJ- no no leave them up as well, well they are faded now, as they are supposed to have the reason why we are operating it and the contact number

MC-oh anyway, ok

RJ-I've got other ones I had anyway that are up, we've had them a number of years

MC-oh right, ok

**Action 22/07/21 – RJ stated to remove from action plan**

**2.2 Discussion record (investment account)**

**Previous Action dated 16/06/21 PDS-Letter to be sent to Mr Wilmot re potential purchase of land behind WR**

RJ-investment account – Pasq – investment account, and the letter to Mr Wilmot

PDS- yes, letter went on 25<sup>th</sup> June to Mr Willmot in Pavenham first class and Ive heard nothing

JE-was that the 21<sup>st</sup> June?

PDS-25<sup>th</sup> of June, that was on the letter, dated and sent out, first class, it had my name and my address had my telephone number in case he couldn't be bothered to write back but I've had no response at all

AVM-I don't think we've had much of a response every time we asked.

PDS-I did put my mobile number on there as well because I know that people can't be bothered to write and stick a stamp on it, but hey

RJ-right ok

**Agreed Action 22/07/21 – no action stated**

**2.3 Discussion record (silent alarms)**

**Previous Action dated 16/06/21 DF and JL to test their alarms. SW to return faulty alarms to shop**

RJ- right silent alarms

SW- I can't hear, shout

RJ-Silent alarms

SW-yes I've got it at home, I've still got to send it back you know, but that's just me you that is

RJ- right

**Agreed Action 22/07/21 – carry over to next meeting**

**2.5 Discussion record (Spare Keys)**

**Previous action dated 16/06/21 – MC and RJ to meet**

RJ- keys, spare keys

MC- I've got them but I haven't bought em up, sorry

RJ- I've got the forms here for people to sign that you have given them to

MC-oh yes I'll have some of them

RJ-can you dish them out

MC – I've only given them to Pam

RJ – Peter wanted a set

MC –Yes Peter wanted a set

RJ- and you, so I've got them, you can sign if you've got a set, I've got Pam's, If you'd bought them we could have given Peter his

MC- yes sorry, it was a bit of a rush today, I did put them ready

RJ-ok

**Agreed Action 22/07/21 – nothing stated**

**2.8 Discussion record (Fencing and Rubbish on WR fence line)**

**Previous action dated 16/06/21 AVM, DF & MC to get quotes for fencing, removal of rubbish**

RJ- the rubbish line on the fence

AVM- unfortunately 2 funerals and family illness have stopped me from doing that, I haven't managed to get onto that, I'll get back to it now

RJ-ok

MC-I know a little bit about it

AVM- We have to get behind to see what is plastic glass or wood, any other bits of metal, to see what we can do with it, some of it can be pulled out and can be burnt bit by bit slowly and then we can see how we get on with it

MC-oh yeah yeah

AVM- it's the number of skips we might need. There was also a mention of a digger to dig it out

MC- I think it would be a good plan if we had a digger or I don't know what it called, Kamoto or whatever, we can get in with it

RJ- just get the price and give it to Alan, has putting all the prices together

MC-I'm asking everyone's opinion

RJ-just get the price and add it on

MC- we have the metal windows old style, if we go in with a digger, we can draw it out and put it on a big pile and set light to it and whatever is left, metal

RJ-just get a price and how many days you think you need it and give it to Alan so that he collects the prices

MC-are you listening

RJ- we went through it last time, just get the price, you might have a digger  
MC-oh did we, I'd like to go through it again, is that alright  
RJ-I'm trying to speed things up, we went through that you might need a digger to dig it all out  
MC-???

PC –can we get access for a digger  
JE-Pam's concerned about getting access with a digger  
MC-I think if we go through the back of Alan's and go along  
AVM- there's only a little metal fence, you can go in there, its only got to be pulled out  
PC-oh ok, that's ok  
AVM-so are we going to carry this forwards  
ok to go through my plot  
RJ-just get all of the costs together  
MC-We'll price the digger up, you know Stablehire don't you  
RJ- yes ok,  
PC-did Russell get permission to go on people's plots to take these photos?  
RJ-I didn't go onto plots to get the photos  
PC-there no way you can take that photo of my plot just by being at the end of it  
RJ-I went round the back as well  
AM-some of them were taken from side on  
PC-I'm sorry but from the angle I can tell you exactly where you stood  
RJ-well I'm sorry, but they were taken to save all of us having to spend three hours looking at it as a site visit  
PC-it doesn't matter, you should, it's in the rules, you shouldn't be going onto other peoples plots  
RJ- as committee people we are the landlords, we are allowed to  
PC-it doesn't matter, I think out of common courtesy, how would you like it if I came and walked all over your plot, you wouldn't like it, would you  
RJ-well some of them are vacant  
PC-so it's ok for someone to randomly come and walk onto your plot  
RJ-right, we're going to move on. DF, you've got your card machine now, yes  
RJ-we can close that off now  
AM-that shut Pam down didn't it  
DF- it's arrived it's in my safe  
PDS-ok that's fine  
RJ-yes, don't ask me how I did it, between Pasq and I we couldn't find out how to order it  
AM- also, the photo's that you took,  
RJ-yes,  
AM- why didn't you take photos of the open gaps,  
RJ-I went down there and I haven't missed a section  
AM- you have,  
RJ- I went all the way round the back  
AM-there's a picture of the apple tree and if you walk round it behind the apple tree, you can see where the asbestos has come through, and you can walk straight into the field.  
RJ-well I went down the line and took them before they took the asbestos out  
AM-well perhaps you should have took them after the asbestos was taken out, there are two massive gaps there that you can get in, and one at the end of Alan's that you can climb over and walk into the field  
RJ-and then I went round the back as well  
AM-I took photos as well so if anyone wants to see the holes

*RJ-I see you have done the water bills, that's alright, you've sorted Haydon Rd out so that can come off*

*RJ- water bills*

*PDS- sorted*

*RJ- that can come off*

**Agreed Action 22/07/21 – no change, same as 16/06/21 get quotes for fencing and removal of rubbish**

## **2.14 Discussion record (debit card)**

**Previous Action dated 16/06/21 PDS to organise a card machine for DF**

AVM-so did we skip debit card or is that done

MC-I think that's done

RJ-that was finished off last week

**Completed remove from Action Plan****2.16 Discussion record (water bills)****Previous Action dated 16/06/21 PDS to separate water bills for Haydon Rd**

See above just before 2.14 in italics

**Completed remove from Action Plan**

*There was a lot of traffic noise at this point in the meeting so committee members moved the half circle forwards in order to hear each other better*

**2.20 Discussion record (Metal container for field use)****Previous Action dated 19/05/21 DF to investigate**

RJ- Dave got you down as looking for containers

DF- yes but I've been that busy I haven't done any more about it

RJ - Carry forwards

**Agreed Action 22/07/21 – to carry forwards****2.22 Discussion record (Equipment log)****Previous Action dated 16/06/21 –RJ to provide JL with a copy of the log to use**

RJ-John, I have dropped the form into your door

JL-yes I'm filling that in

RJ-yes ok

JL-as of tomorrow

RJ-yes that's fine

JL- it's the first time I've used any equipment so I can fill it in, I can back track

RJ-it don't matter, just start from when ever

**Completed remove from Action Plan****2.23 Discussion record (hose pipe use)****Previous action dated 16/06/2021 Notices to be given to the field stewards to display re use of hose pipe (no one identified who will do this)**

RJ- Jayne has asked who will supply the notices, I don't think anyone picked that up

JE-so that they can't put it on the ground to use they can only

RJ-its a reminder that they can't sprinkle with it

JE-if you want me to do it I can create something for you

RJ- we can extract it off the licence

JE-so are you going to do it?

RJ-we can extract it off the licence

AM-to tell people they can't use their hose pipes to water

DF- while we are on the subject, can I just throw in a thought. We charge £25 for a water licence; if we made that £50 for a water licence, could we not trial letting people use their hose pipes and if they don't abuse it

AM-you'd use less water

DF-if they abuse it, take it away from them -no end of people on the field have said they would gladly pay £50 if they could sprinkle onto the field. Maybe we could try it for the rest of the summer

SW -I think you'd use less water

RJ-you see I don't think we should be doing a flat £25 charge anyway. I think it should be per pole. Why should a person with a 5 pole pay the same as someone with 20 pole

DF-I've always said that

DF- I also looked into these meters, you can buy a basic one but people would take em off the hosepipe. If 100 people on our field paid £50 to sparingly use water from the hose pipe that would be £5,000 a year and would pay for the water bill wouldn't it. No end of the new ones, I mean a member, just bought a water licence and then someone said to him you know you can't free water, oh so now I need to get some barrels. And he's got 100m hose, paid his water licence, but isn't using it because he hasn't got any barrels yet.

PDS-I didn't know you weren't able to sprinkle, is it clear

RJ-its clear on the water licence

DF- do you remember an ex member used to tie 2 hoses to 2 forks and go home and Id come in in the morning and it was running down, this was the problem, he did that for 15 16 years and that was when they decided that you couldn't do that any more

RJ-and when I joined Dave, it was only there for our more elderly and infirm members, almost blue badge holders

DF-I've always said that the day I can't carry water or catch enough in my butts is the day I will give up. I know there are people who have a tank just the other side of the road, but that's personal choice isn't it

RMc- can we just think about it for the next month and see if anybody has got any better ideas or other ideas, put your thinking heads on and bring it up at the next meeting.

RJ-we almost need to have one meter and then see how much it would use so that we know

DF-I tried it at home with an electric pump, I put 8 watering cans around my back garden, and I used seven and a half watering cans by using the electric pump in the back garden so I saved – 1 fourteenth. That was scooping it out of a barrel and pumping it out of another barrel. It's something to think about

RMc – Lets have a think

RJ-I think you'd use more, I think a per pole charge would be better as well

DF-if you said £5 a pole on a 10 pole plot, there's your 50 quid

RJ- or whatever

AM- I've got a little bit of a garden that I water and the pony's buckets

DF- I wouldn't want people who have got lots of land, you wouldn't want to say to them to £2.50 or £5 a pole when they never waters his orchard at all - it should just be the growing areas. Its something to think about and bring it back next month to see what everybody thinks.

AVM- it's the same if you are carrying jerry cans, I've got 5 pole and you've got 25 pole, you'll take a lot more jerry cans that I am

DF- that's right but you can do that unlimited, all day long. At one time I used to put a big bowser of water in my truck, drive it down and tip it out but I'm not using a hose to do it

AVM- likewise, I can pump it into my big tank

DF- once it's in your big tank you can do what you like with it then. It's just something to think about

**Agreed Action 22/07/21 – nothing stated**

#### **2.24 Discussion record (member request to use company to shoot rats)**

**Previous Action dated 16/06/21 RJ to write to JJ to deny permission to use company and to continue help member with alternative methods of control**

RF- A member wanted to bring in someone into shoot the rats, we voted against that – I did supply her, I've loaned her 2 more rat boxes as I said I would straight away as yet, she hasn't put any poison in em. So I'll probably go and take em back

AM- I thought you were going to give her some poison

RJ-I gave her some to get her started

AM-but she hasn't used it?

RJ-she's used that because I loaned it to her before the last meeting, well not loaned her, I gave her some before the last meeting. What I've now given her is some more rat boxes, expecting her to go and get some more poison but she hasn't

AM- did it kill any rats do you know

RJ-don't know, they go back to the nest, they eat it and then go back to the nest and then go away

MC-does she know if she's not going to feed them poison, how does she expect them to go, because an empty box isn't going to do it is it

RJ- no, I've done what I can

MC-do we have any more poison that we can sell her, have we got any ?

RJ-no, we're not allowed to buy it as a society any more, you have to be licensed. I have some of my own as a chicken keeper

MC -are you allowed to give it away

RJ-yeah, it would be like me saying here Dave I'll let you have a couple of mine type of thing

AVM – can she buy it now

RJ- ye, you can get it on the internet

*AM repeated the information to PC who was on teams and did not hear the conversation*

DF- you need to swap, give them blue one time red the next or they just become immune to it and they just eat it and nothing will happen to em

MC-it's no good leaving empty boxes, won't do anybody any good.

DF – its' not his job.

MC - Im not saying its Russell's job

DF-anyone else, it comes back to her doesn't it

MC-yes, you've given her the boxes and started her with some of the food

RJ-I gave her 2 boxes and a spare key

AM- Pam said she would have a word with her

RJ-I went back to her and had a chat with her and asked her how she was getting on and I think she hasn't got any now

MC- Pam can you talk to her and report back to us

PC- yeah

RJ- I don't think there are any rats down there now

MC-with all due respect, Russell has supplied the poison and the boxes, what else does she want. It's the husbandry of the chickens isn't it. Pam's going to speak to her

**Agreed Action 22/07/21 PC to talk to member**

**2.25 Discussion record**

RJ- pick up the warning letters at the section

**2.26 Discussion record**

RJ-All permission requests went, that's it

**3. Secretary's Report and Correspondence**

**3.1 Permission Requests**

Permission letters from meeting 16/06/21 have all been sent

Item No	Date	Field	Member / s	Details of Request	outcome
1	12/07/21	HR		Request that they can erect a 8'x6' shed	agreed

**3.2 Correspondence**

Item No	Date	Field	Member / s	Details of Correspondence
3.2.1	19/07/21	NA	NA	From Alison Tennant, Rowan Gate School via one of the members that volunteers at the School. I acknowledged and thanked Rushden Allotment Association in the letter that went home to parents about Science Day, and hopefully I will be able to do so again in the newsletter at the end of term. Please pass on our thanks to them
3.2.2	28/06/21	HR		I received your letter this morning regarding my plot and am responding as per your request .I wish to keep my plot and shall tidy and cultivate it. I see the date in the letter is 17th June but I only received the letter today, 28th June. May I request the 4 weeks start from now please as I feel it's unfair I may lose a week due to the postal service.
3.2.3	02/07/21	BR	Emma Young	Asked if the slug pellets the Society sells in the shop are wildlife friendly, or if they are not if you would consider moving to just selling wildlife friendly slug pellets?

**3.2.1**

JE-read out the correspondence

RJ- this is where, I've been, up here, we've started selling some tools, and generally those tools, some members donated the tools directly, trowels and bits and pieces, these are disabled children for ones that don't know and where we have sold some of the other tools, like shears and loppers and that, we've converted it into compost and seeds for them. And some of the children there have reacted very positively to being able to do a bit of gardening and they are children with difficulties to be honest. We have done over a couple of years and they are very grateful for that.

JE-so that's that one

RJ-its an updated thank you to us

PC- do we know how much was donated

RJ-I heard that, I cant remember, it's quite a bit, they must have had

AJ-it was over a £100

RJ-over a £100

AJ-she just came and she would have the money and it was over £100

RJ-and we got some water barrels as well, but they wanted some very narrow ones to fit in certain places, so they used some money to go and get those and some other tools that we weren't able to get hold of because we were getting some sharp instruments to sell that we couldn't give to them and we were selling them and giving them the money, and they had some seeds as well.

RMc-it is a good way of getting our name out there as well

RJ-yeah, I did something similar with Alfred St and with Higham school, they have both set up things and if you can catch one or two of these children and turn them into horticulturists for the future thats got to be a plus isn't it. It's been well received down there for some of them.

**3.2.2**

JE-read out the correspondence

DF- I could show you a letter dated 6 years ago saying exactly the same thing with the post

AM-saying it took over a week to get there

DF-send her a letter and bin her

AM-ooo you're hard

JL- I think shes 2/3 of the way cutting the grass and that's as far as she's got tomorrow. So tomorrow I will have a look at how far she's got, its not just cutting the grass and digging, I feel that planting should follow to improve the plot

AM- how many poles she got

JL- 5 pole

AM so it's very small then, so we can't even say we'll take half of it off her can we

JL-I'll have a look tomorrow

DF-obviously, just so you know, we had her at Washbrook Rd for a while and she was expelled, about a year's gap

RJ-I can't remember Dave

DF-and then Craker set her back on again

AM-oh this is the one from your field

*A lot of road noise means it is not possible to hear member's comments clearly at this point in the meeting*

SW-good luck John

DF-say Dave sends his regards as she's done it again

JL-III have a look tomorrow and let you know

DF-if not it will be the same in 12 months

RJ- give her the extra week as it won't make any difference – to be honest, John was away on holiday so we couldn't sort of leave it and I happened to be down the field to see someone else, so I rather cheekily I rang her when I saw that come in and I said I was down the field today and thought I might see you down there, just to say you could have your extra week as long as you've made a start now but you haven't come down when you're not working, that was a Saturday, you know when that guy wanted all that netting and we did it on site, it was the guy next door. And I thought she'd started, but it was next door that had gone round and strimmed the edges down to keep the grass off his plot

DF-so it might be that someone else did it for her

JL- III look tomorrow, I've come to the conclusion that given what I said at the last meeting it could be a statement from other members to say ok that plot over there isn't good but I'll just refer them to the rules and say it doesn't matter about all the others

SW-its just yours

AM-they will be getting their own letter

JL-it makes no difference

RJ- John, what I always do is I say I am dealing with everyone's plot their own right and you are not the only one getting a letter, that's how I put it

JL-its your plot, deal with it, you've got 2 choices

AM-or you are on your bike

RJ-yeah

DF- we have such a waiting list

AM-exactly, we've got a good list

### **3.2.4**

JE- read out the correspondence

AM- Déjà Vue

DF-they'll be out of fashion tomorrow

AVM- does it feed the slugs nicely

RJ-no

AM-and they say thank you very much, we won't eat here again

RJ-Dave would like to answer or would you like me to

DF- I'll tell her

RJ-yes but since whenever, we have not been able to legally sell the ones that hurt the wildlife

DF-that's right but didn't they do a U turn

RJ-oh no they didn't actually, there was a technicality in the courts, but no one went back to manufacturing the others

DF-we have the £3.50 ones but we did have the £6 ones didn't we

RJ-Yeah and they are all legal wildlife friendly

DF- oh, I'll tell her that

RJ- we are not allowed to sell the others, there was a technicality that reversed it in the court but no one started producing them again so they aren't around

AVM-so we don't kill the slugs, we feed them

DF- we kill them, but they don't lie on the surface so that the birds can eat them, they eat the pellets and then go under the ground and die so that the birds don't eat them.

AVM-so its stopping the birds getting food then

SW-that's not wildlife friendly

SW-is it wrong to put salt on them

AVM-so they are not poisonous then

RJ-they are poisonous to the slugs but they are supposed to be if a hedgehog picks them up, they won't affect them, whereas the previous really good ones

AVM-yeah, killed everything

RJ-could, could, I don't know how true this was but there was a theory that they could kill some wildlife, they do snails as well, OK

AVM-great

### **3.3**

#### **Member's Secretary Report – new members and leavers**

6 New Members

6 Leavers

RJ- this needs to be a section

JE-I've called it membership secretary's report

RJ-tell you what shove everything down a bit  
JE-so not on the correspondence  
AVM-under new members  
RJ-yes new members will do  
JE-just new members  
RJ-new members and leavers, give it a section in its own right  
JE- yes  
AVM- how many have we got  
JE read out details of the number of new members and leavers at each field  
JE- do you want the names, it will be in the minutes as its Angela's report  
DF- was it Melvin Chimes  
JE- no – JE read out the names of new starters at Washbrook Rd

### **3.4 Other Items**

#### **3.4.1**

Plug plants

JE- 9 emails received regarding purchase of plug plants

RJ- we had a late batch, we still didn't have enough and we sold them all didn't we

#### **3.4.3**

RJ-There's one more, the council contacted me over, it's not bad news so don't panic, this is the council. A couple of years ago they had a heritage weekend, with a various amount of events around the county well around the area. Last year they couldn't have anything because of Covid and this year they are going to do one again. They call it a heritage family fun day down at the lakes, basically there are just a lot of stalls we had a stall there, it costs us nothing because we don't sell anything, I think the ones that sell stuff actually pay and that's on Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 till 4 if we are interested

DF-we had one in Higham in the walled garden

RJ-yeah the same sort of thing, the one in the lakes was much better

DF-ever so much, I was going to say, everyone was selling stuff barr us

AJ-we were sort of selling ourselves

PC- why do we need it because we have such a long list

DF-nobody said we did need it

AM-Russell was saying about us doing it

DF-he was just saying

AVM-Russell just said are we interested

RJ- it's a good thing to do, not to promote us for new members because we have got a good list now, although Dave and I are under the impression a lot of those will disappear because they put their name down during lock down, we are starting to find that now, people are dropping off but there is more than us promoting ourselves for more than just new members

AVM-it doesn't hurt

RJ-no we can say that we are full, and the last time we did it, some of the member's show off some of the stuff they had grown

AVM- its only volunteers

AM-does it cost us anything

RJ - No

AJ- it might make somebody grow stuff in their back garden

RJ-that may be the angle to push, say look, try stuff at home

AVM-if anyone wants to do it why not

PC- if it encourages people to grow at home, it's a good thing

RJ- we don't need to push ourselves for new membership but that isn't the only thing it's a community based thing

AVM- but if some of the members want to do it

SW-that's a Sunday

RJ-yes, 19<sup>th</sup> September

AM- can you write down Paul Minchington he applied ages ago and he still hasn't heard anything back, when the list was 7 or 8 not 100

RJ-ah ok, I know we in amongst

DF-it was August

RJ-I know we're in June, well for me

DF-the last one I had was for July, Diane what's her name and Mohammad is somebody from August

RJ-yes and she's getting a few not replying as well now

### **4. Warning letters**

3 First Warning letters issued

1 Termination letter issued

### **Letters for Highfield Road**

JL- there will be, I just need to work out the numbers. There is a couple that are over grown, theres one at the bottom edge right at the end that backs onto Whitefriars. There's one of the big water containers and little else, I'm not sure who it belongs to

AM-you need to get some numbers, WR all the plots are numbered and it's so much easier

JL-that's what I'm going to do yeah

AM-how many plots have you got

JL- at Highfield Rd, help me Russell

RJ-147 something

AM-so you'll want 147 numbers

RJ-well no, they go up to about 147 but there's gaps

JL-when you try and work out where you are, you think you are there but you are still actually over there

AM-you can try and make em

SW-I don't know what number my plot is

AM-Shane's just said he doesn't know what number his is

## 5. Treasurer's Report (Appendix 2)

### INCOME:

Store sales added:

GR £446.28

WR £1074.15 (2 months worth) Mays money was late banked, after last month's meeting.

BR £609.25

HR £ 261.60

### EXPENDITURE:

Growwell supplier paid for store purchases -2 x invoices -£2,139.42 + £2,014.08 (Mother Earth/B&G Blooming Magic, fleece, growmore)

Oracle Solutions supplier paid for removal of asbestos for WR totalling -£3,360.00

### Latest Bank Account Balances:

HSBC Community Account £1,767.16 (as per Treasurers Report)

### Investment Accounts:

HSBC Business Money £6,001.57

Barclays Premium Account £18,908.17

Triodos Account £63,702.88

United Bank £81,295.58

**Total in Investment a/c £169,908.20 (as per Treasurers Report)**

PDS- since the last meeting there's been more out than in, but here it is. Grafton Rd Sales £446.28, Washbrook Rd £1074.15, that's 2 months worth, we also had May's money banked a little later than the last meeting last month. Bedford Rd £609.25, Highfield Rd £261.60. Expenditure we've had, we've had 2 big growwell bills for £2,139.42 and £2,014.08 and that's for Mother Earth. What is BloominMagic, what's that

RJ-its BloominMagic

DF-its got seaweed abstract

PDS- right ok. And fleece and Grow More, that's what's listed on the invoice. We've paid Oracle Solutions for the asbestos, £3,360.00.

The current account there is £1,767.16 as of Tuesday and in the investment accounts there is a total of £169,908.20 You've got the breakdown on my email, that's it really.

AVM-that field property maintenance, is that for the stuff we laid down and squashed

PDS-pretty much it is

AVM-it's all in there

PDS-yes hence that's why Washbrook Rd has a year to date figure of £5903 and also the asbestos invoice, the 3 grand, the invoice says Washbrook Rd, so you queried the split didn't you

DF-yes because the asbestos because that wants to go into the accounts as Washbrook Rd and Grafton Rd

PDS-so this £3,360.00, how do you want to split it

DF-I have no idea

PDS-is it 50/50

AM-just say it's for both fields

RJ-Pasq, what we would normally do when we do asbestos clearance regardless of the fields involved, we usually stick it on its own line

PDS-so it's on Field Property Maintenance

RJ-yes

PDS-what so create a separate line for it

RJ-we have done in the past and shown as a separate line, as opposed to, as some of these are difficult to split if they are coming in as one

PDS-alright

RJ-and it's rather a bespoke piece of work

PDS- I can create a new column for it and give it a 50/50 split

RJ- no no no, you don't have to put it against an individual field, just put it into the text, its just a piece of bespoke work

PDS-just asbestos clearance

AVM-but the Stablehire equipment is also in that figure

PDS-it is

RMc-which I understand we got a good deal on

DF- we got a very good deal.

RMc-thats good we saved a few bob

DF-well I want going to pay for down time. To start off we originally hired it for 2 days, one of the machines broke down because they hadn't filled it up with fuel properly, it was a fault on the gauge as it wasn't showing up properly, they automatically made a 2 day hire to

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1 day for both machines. Then we wanted it again on the Thursday and it poured with rain so I rang and asked if they could take it off hire until Friday. Then I rang em again on the Friday, it's still pouring with rain again and said can you take it off hire and they said yeah. So I said you can pick it up Saturday, they said we don't work now until Monday, so you can have it over the weekend for just the cost of the fuel which was perfect

PDS -thats alright

AM- the roller was fun but the skid was hard

MC- can you make a note of that Jayne – well done Dave

RJ-Dave did you get the fuel sorted out

DF- yes we got it sorted

RJ-was that right, over £100 worth of fuel

DF-we returned the skid topped up with the £33 or whatever it was that Anita and ?John? fetched. what we had to buy ordinary fuel that filled the skid up when it went back. They came up and topped up with 5 gallons, they then came up the next day, no they left another 10 gallons, and then I went down and got 10 gallons, so when I looked at what fuel they'd charged us for it was a lot less than that.

RJ-on top of what Mark's had to buy as well

DF-that filled the skid up to send the skid back

AM- you have to send it back full as you get it full

RJ-we don't always, they just top it up and then charge us

DF-we did because we wanted to get it off hire and out of the way

RJ-ok

DF- so when you had the digger for the weekend, what was the bill for that

RJ-I don't know, I'll have to look it up. I know what it was when we had the skid, for doing Highfield Rd, Bedford Rd and here (referring to Grafton Rd) the fuel was about £37

RJ-what was the bill

PDS- when would that have been Russell

RJ- Last September, August September

DF- you had a digger the other week

RJ-yes, it was about 100 and something wasn't it, it was the low hundreds, weekend hires are really cheap

DF-there was one that we agreed to spend 5 hundred on

RJ- yeah, we went nowhere near it

DF-so how much did you spend of that 550

RJ-no

DF-well our total bill, including the fuel and the vat and the hire came to

RJ-well the digger you had the other week should be on here

AM- have you not paid for it

RJ-he's paid it

PDS- yes

RJ-Im wondering where he's stuck it, I'm just trying to, the last digger we had, you see if you have them over the weekend, its next to nothing. They give it to you Friday morning and don't pick it up until late Monday

DF-I think the skid is a hundred and something for the first day and then 80 quid a day thereafter

RJ-I've only had it

DF-I know it was something like £313, now if we had had it for just 2 days hire, without any fuel costs it would have come to that, but we had it for nearly a week in the end, we did alright out of it

PDS -it was the hot week wasn't it

MC-yes it was exhausting wasn't it

RJ- Im just wondering where did you put his digger

PDS- its probably under field property maintenance

RJ-I doubt it. Oh it might be

PDS-it could be, let me have a look

RJ-but you've got the skip in there as well haven't you, it weren't much

AM- thank Shaun, Geoff and Pam's Dave.

RJ-with all the confusion Dave, I was just worried with the amount of fuel you used was a lot and I was frightened that you were getting double charged or something

DF- the roller on the Sunday was used for 12 hours.

AM-you were on it for a long while weren't you

RJ-I found the skid really economical to use

DF-yes but we were talking the other day with the bloke who delivered it and he said we would have been better with a digger with a bucket and a dumper, he said because you are not taking the stuff to where you want it and you could dump it where you want it

RJ- I've used a digger and I've used that skid and believe you me that skid is quicker, because it takes half a tonne, its bucket is half a tonne, the problem with diggers is that you are forever

DF-yeah yeah

RJ-it would be tidier with a digger

AVM – it's done isn't it

AM-yes its done

RJ- I just didn't want you to get done with the fuel as £100 is a lot for fuel.

MC-going on your comments to Ray, it took you 5 days what we did in 2 days

RJ-no I didn't, 3 days at Bedford Rd,

MC-what time did we start working in the morning – 6 half 6 til 6 at night all the way through

RJ- no, we were only doing a 2-3 hour session in the mornings and 2 or 3 hours in the afternoon

AJ-did any members help you out  
AM-yes we had Geoff, we had Dave we had Shaun  
MC- plus we had Tony  
AM-they were awesome, they just volunteered  
AVM-and the rest of the time they were squashing down  
RJ-we did have quite a few and they could work in shifts but we only use to do 2 or 3 hours I suppose  
AM -they would see us and just come and join in  
RJ-so although we took 3 days, we only did 6 hours a day  
MC- we did a lot more hours than  
DF-on the Tuesday I was bollocksed  
RJ-at Highfield Rd it was much the same as we only took a couple of days  
MC- maybe we didn't do it as well as you, maybe you did it better  
RJ- yes  
RJ- and of course I did up here as well  
MC- we couldn't get the levers working  
RJ- you do need a bit, it is hand foot co-ordination  
MC-you must have don't it better than us then  
RJ-I used to drive a fork lift so, but I did up here as well  
AM-I spent ages trying to start the roller one day and then realised I'd got the button pushed in

## **6. Field Reports**

### **6.1 Highfield Road**

JL- not a lot to really report. Everything seems to be going ok. Cutting grass, dog mess seems to have gone. The only thing I would say is the photo that has been circulated a few days ago, somebody in Highfield Rd had a bonfire and a member walking round the field took a photograph of a bonfire that was actually from a resident in Highfield Rd and nothing to do with us.

AM-so we are getting the blame.

JL-I think we were getting the blame and I think we should send that and certainly make the environment officer or whoever complaint last time aware that we have got that evidence

AVM- right of him to take that photograph

JL-you know

MC-it wasn't us

AM-it wasn't us

JL-that's probably the third time. I was up the field probably a week and a half ago, and thought I could smell something for about 5 minutes, I couldn't see anything and it was a fairly calm day and then it had gone so it was probably someone burning something in a garden. Certainly with the photo that the member took, you can see plumes of smoke from a bonfire, it's not us

AVM-the photograph is clear, so certainly with a letter, a guy will tick that off

JL-I think we should do that, we have the evidence

AVM-otherwise they will be ticking it off saying that's the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and the 4<sup>th</sup> time

AM-Pam says it's a good idea to send that letter

### **6.2 Washbrook Road**

RJ-Dave anything else to say

DF- nothing – I could do with a couple more applications, because bless Angela, I keep going up there asking for some blah blah blah you know

RJ- shes rattling them off and getting turned down by people now

RJ-but as you said, you can't go and ask 10 people as you could get 10 positive people with good replies, they are all going to expect plots and if you've only got 2 its a pain. If you've got 2 she can only do 2 at a time.

DF- I am definitely going to have Coral Harvey's as you can bet she's not coming back

RJ-well she won't now as you've just told me to send her a letter

DF- so I'm gong to ring the other Mohammad and offer him that one, because she won't come back

RJ-no

### **6.3 Bedford Road**

RJ- I've got nothing really

### **6.4 Grafton Road /Small Holding**

Nothing said

## **7. Store**

Plug plants (9 emails received re plug plants)

## **8. Health and Safety**

Nothing said

## **9. Minutes Secretary**

RJ-we've talked about that

## **10. Asbestos invoice**

AM-that was me. I think it's a hell of a lot of money for less than half a day's work, considering they quoted for 2 days.

RJ- no they didn't quote for 2 days

AM-they said they expected it to be 2 days, that was what was written down

RJ-if you remember at the last meeting I got you a price for the job, and that's all we do, we don't have time scales

AM-they said it was going to be 2 days

RJ-I always say then how many days will you need to get onto our fields because they come here as well

AM-they only had to come and pick that up out of there

RJ-and they said they would do you on Tuesday and come up here on Wednesday. They took a tonne away, you were all very keen on having it done, I got you the price and there was no mention about how long it would take in the last meeting.

AM-as Pam has just said, they couldn't take a lot as they couldn't get into half of it

RJ- where else Dave was looking for it was cleared last time which was only about 4 plots down. The interesting thing what they had cleared because I asked them to go back into their records is that they did a survey in 2018 for us and they photographed where they found asbestos that needed either removing or doing something doing to it and if it was safe because it comes into 3 categories. They did not find any behind the back of plot 74 that was either because the foliage was so thick so they couldn't see in there, and I went round with them for 8 days doing the survey and Dave did some time with me on that they found some behind plot 69 and upward a bit which they came back and cleared out for us, there was a lot of sheets in there that they removed and they took photos of them and took them. So either where we've just discovered the dirty great pile wasn't there in 2018 or because the foliage was so thick we couldn't see in there, or a bit of both.

AM-its been there a long time hasn't it

RJ-it was old but it doesn't mean that it was there because, remember we had some in the Greenway as well and I had the council take that away, there was some in the Greenway, some of you won't know this but there was a volunteer group of people who were cleaning up the Greenway. Anita and I were part of that, nothing to do with the allotment, we opted to go down there and clear up when they first started, well a couple of years before the pandemic, and we were doing the back of the allotments, and I spotted some asbestos there as I knew what it looked like, so I told them. It had been thrown over our fence and it had fresh breaks in it. It had stuck into the ground, when it had gone over the fence it had gone into the ground on a corner and stuck into the soft ground and snapped off and it was fresh. The council came and took that, about 8 sheets, over there and that was on the Greenway side. And that hadn't been there very long at all

AM- how long has the Greenway been there

RJ- erm

AM-it's not that long

RJ-it was the old railway, I can remember the fencing going up

AM-that's not that old is it

RJ-no, I remember the fencing going up

RMc- about 14 years

DF- I was going to say that as Tony Wills was the Field Steward in-between

RJ-but it was only about 2010ish that the fencing went up

DF-but that was done by the council wasn't it that's why it is such a short fence.

RJ- yes, so asbestos has come from our field from outside, and that stuff on Greenway was fresh, but because we were down there, there were skips down there taking loads of rubbish away and we were clearing from behind the back of the allotment and I did several car trips on our own and we went down there and had afternoons on our own down there. And when I found the asbestos I mentioned it to them, and they very kindly came and took that. Whether they could have asked us to take it I don't know but they didn't fuss, they just got, probably Oracle in, and they just cleared it and got rid of it before we could carry on. We couldn't go near it because it was fresh breaks where it had been chucked over. So to be convinced that that was there in 2018, I think you need to keep an open mind.

MC-I think we keep an open mind on all of it, however

RJ-just because it looked old doesn't mean it was there because we did go down those lines, where we could get and look behind and if it was there that pile they would have seen it and we would have had it done then, and there was a bloody load of it, the stack was incredible that came out of that.

DF- I think we need to draw a line under it and learn from it, because the two lads that did it said to me and Alan, there was nothing wrong with this, you could break it up and it would be was ok to put a chain saw through it

AVM-they said as long as you DONT put a chain saw through it

DF-oh yes, unless you put a chain saw through it. They were pulling it out and resting it against a tree stump and smashing it up

AVM- they had hand protection but no face protection. They said it was as safe as houses

DF- and the ironic thing is that their colleague who went down and looked at with you it the week before, he didn't say to you or anyone else that this is very low grade, because if he had said it was very low grade we could have pulled it out. He said you could have pulled all of that out and we could have just gone along and collected it. that was their actual words then, well it's now been paid for so we just have to draw a line under it

RMc-and learn from it

DF-yes learn from the mistakes

RJ-you wanted it cleared last time and we have cleared it

DF-I didn't want it cleared

RJ-no

DF-as its in the minutes, I didn't want it cleared at all

MC- but you haven't cleared the whole distance it as you couldn't get through

RJ-but if you go where you can't go through, that was cleared the last time. Plot 69, I saw the photographs

MC – I don't know about that but the story is that they can't clear the whole thing you are now telling me that it was cleared last time, but we thought the whole field was cleared last time, but clearly it wasn't

RJ-last time we did everything that we could find

MC-there is a lot of stuff there that has been there for years

RMc- we have done the right thing and thats it

AM-yes

RMc-we have done the right thing

RJ-you are right Ray, because once you start moving it you don't know what type is going to be there

RMc-we've done it, we've paid so let's just move on

MC-I know

RJ- it's now in Leicester landfill

MC-no its not

RJ-Leicestershire, it's the only dump left they've got for asbestos

AVM-good let's move on then.

#### 11. Recording Device

AM- can we not get a different one if you can't hear it

RJ- I've had a chat with Jayne tonight and Jayne was trying to listen to it off of there instead of down loading it onto something

AM-right

RJ-since the last meeting I've had Jayne's, downloaded it onto a lap top and it's very clear. They don't play back on themselves very well, they're alright but its better to down load the file onto a lap top or PC and play it back. So I've had a chat with Jayne

AM-so you're going to try that tonight and see how it works

JE-yes I'll do that

RJ-we've exchanged recordings

AVM-what about a microphone that we use when we are talking to people in the states and everything, in our offices where you can all sit round the table, miles away from each other and you can still be picked up on the microphone, can we not buy one of them

RJ- well one of these has been used at the AGMs for a few years and it picks people up at the back You need to put it in conference settings, you think it's not on conference setting

JE- it's on meeting setting

RJ-Id put it into conference as it allows for a bigger room. There are several settings in these things, and if you don't get, you can even set it to be personal so that it doesn't pick up any background noises

MC- so you've shown Jayne how to use it

JE- its on meeting setting, well I knew how to use it, and get it Mark, but playing it back there was a hiss on it, which some of you heard and how difficult it was to hear, so if it goes into the file, and i

put it on the computer and do it through that rather than from the device. So I'll come and see you and you can help me download it again. It won't download onto that computer, it crashes the

computer, Mark had to download it for me last time.

RJ- I put it on mine and it was alright, what operating system is it

JE-I don't know, its Shaun's computer not mine, Ive only got the lap top, I haven't got the desk top.

It chews the batteries, as that's gone flat now, and I put a new battery in

RJ- its still going- they are the same make except that is the newer model, thats the later model

JE-it does chew batteries, I bought some new batteries

RJ-try that one because that's the same as mine and it does 3 or 4 meetings.

JE- its Duracell in that one

RJ-well that one does 3 or 4 meetings

AM- is it switched off

JE- yes

RJ-they will switch themselves off if they don't detect any noise

JE-oh so its switched its self off so it hasn't picked anything up. It did switch its self off

RJ-yeah

JE-it hasn't picked anything up

MC-oh dear, Russell you are going to have to stick yours on

RJ-if you sat here for 10 minutes with not a sound, I mean nothing, it would probably just shut itself down

JE-well that's what its done, you would have thought with the noise of those things.....so its not working is it

DF-its bedlam, the lunatics have escaped from the asylum

JE-it's not working, its turned itself off because its not picked anything up

AM-Russell is going to have to send his copy to Jayne

MC-if you know your one works Russell, why don't you swap that with Jayne's one and then

Jayne's got the one that works

RJ-Id down load that one first

PC- I have a brand new one that you can have Jayne

RJ-that's the later model to that one

MC-Pam's got one you can use

JE- thank you

#### 12. Tractor shed

RJ-where are we

AVM-tractor shed

MC-yes have we got some keys

RJ- just remind us of what the quote is

MC- the quote

RJ -yeah for your surveyor

MC-mm 80 quid I think isn't it, this is trying to bring the quote down because if he can look at the photos without coming out he's not going to charge us, so I'm trying to get the quote down

RJ-mmm yeah 80 quid  
MC-we are supposed to be taking photos now  
RJ-but who is the money for Mark, its not for him  
MC- it's for me Russell I want to take it home  
SW-tell you what can you buy some fish and chips  
MC-what do you think it's for Russell  
RJ- he hasn't given you a quote,  
MC-he hasn't given me a quote  
RJ-he hasn't give you a quote  
MC-he's given me  
RJ-no he hasn't. I've spoke to him  
MC-what do you mean he hasn't  
RJ-I've spoken to him and he said you were very vague on what you wanted and he hasn't given you an estimate or a quote.  
AM-he said that it was about £40 an hour  
MC-he said to me  
RJ-in fact he asked me about the utilities to it and I said there are no utilities, and he said what sort of building is it then, and I said it's just somewhere that we store agricultural kit in. So he said it's just an outbuilding. He had the impression, well he gave me the impression that you had told him that there were utilities to it  
MC – why would I have said that  
RJ-he described you as very vague on what you wanted, which is why he hadn't given you a quote  
MC-Russell, you are unbelievable, you really are unbelievable. You've had a tractor shed built that isn't  
RJ-hold on, Ive rung and spoke to your surveyor and he has not given you a quote  
MC-right ok so did you ask him for a quote  
RJ-yes and he said I can't give you one until I see it  
MC-right ok, so is he going to come out and see it  
RJ-no  
MC-why  
RJ-I didn't ask him to  
MC-why not, why not, it needs inspecting by somebody who knows what they are talking about  
RJ- hang on, you have told everybody here that you have got a quote for £80 for him to come and do it  
AM-he said he charges £40 an hour  
RJ-he's not given you a quote  
AM-and it would take 2 hours  
RJ-he's got more than a 2 hour drive  
MC- I told you that he estimated, or what ever you want to call it, he was going to charge us approximately two hours  
RJ-well he said  
MC- why are we bitching about the cost of it, what I'm asking for is photos to get the shed put right  
RJ- and what's wrong with it then  
AM-have you bought the keys Russell  
MC-have you got the key  
RJ-yes I want to sort out this quote first as I want to know who was going to have the £80 because it wasn't Nigel  
AM- are you saying he is going to pinch it  
RJ-I don't know  
AM-don't you dare Russell, don't you dare  
RJ-but it wasn't Nigel  
AM-we are all landlords here  
MC-dont get looking at me like that  
AM-don't you dare  
MC-don't be looking at me like that  
AM-that is slander  
MC-there is no need for that  
AM-that is slander  
MC-why would I, when you have already agreed  
RJ-he won't be charging only £80  
MC-oh fuck off  
RJ-people who are that qualified  
MC- You're going to get fucking whacked  
RJ-people who are that qualified  
AM-I suggest you stop Russell  
MC-just leave it there or you are going to get fucking whacked  
AM-pack it in  
RJ-well I'll not talk to you about it then  
MC- don't call me a fucking thief, I am not trying to take any money, all I'm trying to do is get that fucking shed sorted. If you carry on you will get a smack in the chops  
AM- stop it  
MC- sorry  
AM-are you laughing, do you want one as well, cuz you're sitting there laughing, you evil bitch,  
you are nasty

RMc-at this point  
AM – you are nasty  
RJ-I think we'll call and end to this meeting  
AM-no she is nasty  
SW-come on enough  
AM-would like being sat there being called a thief  
RJ-I didn't call you a thief, I just asked what was going on  
AM-yes you did, yes you did so you are saying he's going to take the money  
RJ-well I don't know, I've spoken to Nigel and he said he hasn't given you a quote  
AM-how dare you  
MC-he's just a fucking idiot  
AM-how rude  
MC-I've had enough of you  
RJ-fine  
AM-you need reporting  
RJ-well go on then  
AM-you need reporting mate  
AM – smirking Anita cos I'll ??? about yours  
MC-I'm sorry, I'm just want to get that shed sorted out  
AM-you don't just look at a blank wall sitting there just smirking  
MC-I want to get it put right and all you can do is accuse me of pinching £80 well fuck you  
AM-how dare you  
RJ-I just wanted to know what was going on  
MC-I don't even want to talk to you, fuck off  
AM-and you are insinuating that he's being what  
RJ-do you really think a surveyor will charge only £80  
*2050 RMc left the meeting*  
MC- you can put this lot in the minutes Jayne, I'd like the members to know  
RJ- surveyor will charge a lot more than that  
AM-he said it would be £40 an hour including his travel time  
RJ-why are you even arguing it  
RJ-its more than an hour's travel from where he lives  
AM-do we get an invoice for it  
DF-is he coming from Peterborough  
RJ-no he lives in Eye in Cambridgeshire, which is the other side of Cambridge, er Peterborough  
DF-all I know is that I sat in here or in there and listened and what was said it would be around £80 £40 for the hour he was here and £40 in travel.  
RJ- from Eye, it took me more than an hour to get here.  
DF-nobody said he was going to have any money, which I think whose taking money from who is absolutely disgusting and I think it's a terrible thing to say to anyone to be quite honest  
AM-well it gets away with it doesn't he  
AVM-so you are confirming what Mark has said  
AM-yes  
DF-it will be in the minutes  
RJ-well I have spoken to Nigel and he hasn't quoted for it  
AVM-he hadn't quoted, it was an estimate  
RJ-well he hasn't even done that he said he couldn't until he had a bit more detail  
AVM-so why didn't you ask him to send an estimate then  
RJ-because he wanted a load of detail so I said haven't you got the detail and he said Mark was very vague on what he wanted  
AM-I'm sure that's what he said Russell, when Mark rings him back tomorrow I'm sure he will say something different  
AVM-I'm going to say I'm getting fed up with listening to this, it's being going on for so long  
AM-its pathetic, it really is a shit show  
AVM- please guys, can I take it on, I'll talk to the guy, I will get a letter from him, black and white and that's it  
AM-yes yes go for it  
AVM-yes  
RJ-yup  
AVM- thank you, done  
AM-don't you ever accuse us of being thieves, we might be a lot of things but thieves isn't one of them  
MC-we need the photos of it, that's what he wants  
AM- and we are not liars either  
AVM-we said we'd do the photographs anyway, so we can do that  
DF- I thought, 2 months, 3 months ago when Jayne started, Jayne mentioned why can't people be civil to one another. We've all worked, some of us are still work, some don't, we have never loved everyone we worked with, but we work with them because that's part of the deal, I give up my Wednesday, although its Thursday today, I give up my Thursday to come up here and I don't give a toss one way or the other but I would like to be civil to people. And I'm glad nobody is accusing me of anything, it's a shame you know  
AM- he's accused me of being a thief of cable ties and now he's accusing Mark of the 80 quid.  
AVM-give me the details mate

MC- you can have the details, there is no reason for this, it's a load of bollocks  
AVM- let's get the photographs today and then I will sort it out and then there will be no argument. The photographs we need now  
MC-yes  
AM – when that member gets the information he'll get reported for it, don't worry about it  
AVM-I can send him a copy of the photographs and say to him this is what we have got, have a look and then give us a quote  
MC-he's a lovely chap  
AJ-it will be in the hundreds  
AVM – it may be, we don't know  
RJ-surveyors are, they are not that cheap and he was friendly on the phone  
AVM-what he is surveying as well, it's not Buckingham Palace  
JL- a little while ago, I think I suggested at one of the meetings that when we actually sit around face to face we could actually look at the shed.  
DF-that was 2 meetings ago  
AM-we are supposed to be looking at the tractor shed  
JL-I'd like to look at the tractor shed for me personally to understand what we are talking about. People are getting emotional about it and I don't understand the emotions  
MC- I'm emotional John, because when we first was getting this shed built, Russell apparently spoke to Alan and suggested a metal shed, I said what a great idea, it's good for 10 years maybe 20 years but then its going to fall down. Lets get it built out of bricks, it's there forever  
JL-what I want to ask tonight is can I look in now  
AVM-can we go in  
RJ- yes, shall we do everything else first  
AM -before all of this shit came up  
RJ-shall we do everything else first  
AVM-there's no other business  
RJ-there's no light now  
AM-there's no power  
RJ-there is no utilities in there  
AM-there's a flash on the camera  
RJ-and when you go in there you have to be very careful, there's trip hazards, I will say that  
AM-yes  
AVM-but we are finished, there's nothing left is there  
RJ- yes next meeting  
JL-can I say, I'm really sorry, when are we going to have this SGM  
RJ-ah  
AM-the SGM  
RJ-you just interrupted me in that, I was going into the next meetings, I contacted, now that we have hit the 19<sup>th</sup> of July, we can now have our SGM and our AGM. I've contacted the hall for availability and the hall has been hired up  
AVM-the hall has been hired up for when  
RJ-I've dropped in, I've booked in for 25<sup>th</sup> August for the SGM, 7<sup>th</sup> September for the AGM because we have got notice periods to do  
JE-was it 25<sup>th</sup> you said for August  
RJ-yes  
AJ-there's your crap (*a bag of metal objects was thrown across the meeting by AJ towards MC*)  
AM-seriously  
AVM-what, oh dear  
AJ-the crap from the strimmer  
AM-seriously  
RJ-25 August and 7 September  
MC – you can stick it up your arse  
AM-have it back (*the bag was thrown back across the meeting by AM toward AJ*)  
AJ-thank you  
DF-this is not  
AM-just keep it up, just keep it up you bitch  
AJ-thank you  
AM-you bitch  
JL-25<sup>th</sup> of when  
AVM- of August  
RJ-and the 7<sup>th</sup> September  
AM-we all saw that, what you thrown at him, you are welcome Anita, don't you ever fucking talk to me again bitch, you are nasty  
MC-you have those meetings the wrong way round, you should be having the AGM first before the SGM  
RJ-no, the SGM was called first  
AM-she threw those things at Mark  
RJ-so we have to have that as we should have had it last November  
AM-if that had hit him I would have got up and belted you, you are lucky  
RJ-the AGM we should have had in February, but as you aren't listening I won't bother any more  
DF-I'm listening  
AM-if your wife stops smirking and being a bitch

RJ-cut the language out please  
AM-no I won't, did you not just see your wife throw that at Mark  
RJ-she dropped it on the floor for him  
AM-no she did not drop it on the floor, everybody saw that didn't they  
AJ-I did throw it Russell  
RJ-yes  
AM-don't try and stick up for the stupid woman  
RJ-calm down  
AM-no I will not, you've called us thieves  
RJ-no I haven't  
AM-yes you have  
RJ-did I actually call you a thief  
AM-it was bloody well insinuated Russell  
RJ-it's the way you take it  
AM-no, this is the way you take a lot of things, remember, not us. You insinuated he was talking the 80 quid, yeah, don't deny it. You accused me a couple of months ago of nicking a packet of cable ties that I had put on the shelf, yeah, no apology for that, so you have called me a thief, you've called him a thief, is there anybody else you want to call a thief.  
RJ-why did he give us a quote when he hadn't been given one  
AM-pardon  
RJ-why did he tell us he had a quote when he hadn't, why didn't he just say he hadn't got one  
AM-we were talking, I was with him and he told him it would be about £40 an hour and it should take a couple of hours that's 80 quid is it not, is my maths not working  
RJ-I cannot believe that a surveyor is that cheap  
AM-that's what he said  
AVM-let's get the thing done  
RJ-when you go in there just be careful, because there is stuff just inside the door  
AVM-I'll get my camera as well  
DF-can we just go back to this SGM AGM. My take on its is AGM are historic, we have them every year  
RJ-every year in February  
DF-we haven't been able to have it because of the Covid situation, I would have thought, I don't know, but I would have thought the AGM should take preference over everything else.  
RJ-well the AGM has to have a longer notice period, because people have to return stuff to us  
DF-5 weeks  
RJ-so that's probably, we've got to get stuff out and people have to have stuff back to us 21 days before the meeting, we then potentially have to put voting slips back out. There's a lot more to do on an AGM. The SGM was called last November and we should have held it within the 14 days, so in chronically sequence legally, that's the order we have to deal with them.  
DF-I still think it should be the AGM first  
RJ-no the SGM first, the SGM was called first  
DF-I think the SGM is a witch-hunt anyway  
MC-shall we vote on this, which one comes first  
RJ- no  
MC-I didn't ask you fucking twat  
RJ-listen, there's a legality about this  
MC- did I ask you, no, shut the fuck up, shall we vote on this  
RJ-no because  
MC-shut the fuck up  
RJ-there's a legality over it  
MC-you are going to get fucking hurt in a minute  
AM-sit down and shut up Mark  
RJ-there's a legality in it, it was called first, the SGM, the AGM wasn't due until February  
MC-stop  
AM-the AGM is long over due  
MC-I'm asking them not you  
RJ-and so is the SGM, we should have had it last November  
AM-yes but the AGM is a set thing, the SGM isn't  
RJ-the SGM we should have had last November  
AM-but the AGM is a set time, an SGM isn't, that can go any time  
RJ-no the SGM comes first  
AM-well it doesn't  
RJ-it does  
AM- it doesn't need to  
RJ-it was called for first  
AM-it doesn't need to come first, and AGM is a set thing  
RJ-no  
AM-an SGM isn't  
RJ-members have called an SGM, members have called an SGM it comes first  
AVM-we are just going round in circles, nobody knows  
AM-because of he who should be obeyed

16/08/2021

Minute Secretary Jayne Evans

Version 2

DF-so if I called an SGM now then it would precede the AGM

AVM-30 members signatures or less

RJ- you would slot it in between

DF-this is hypothetical Alan, if Fred called an SGM with 30 numbers it would come before the AGM

RJ-yes

DF-within 14 days

AVM-and it doesn't have to be with 30 if its committee members. If its members, you have to get 30 signatures, if its the committee you need 6 or something like that, its not 30

AM-has Ray gone home

DF-yes Ray has gone home

SW-what are the proposed dates for the 2 meetings

DF-25 August and 7 September

SW-are they both Tuesdays

RJ-one's a Tuesday, its the availability of the halls

SW- sorry

RJ-its the availability of the halls, we are not the only people having meetings to catch up on

SW-so its Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, sorry Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August

RJ-we normally have then on a Tuesday but it's not available

SW-the other one's a Wednesday

AVM-before it gets too dark can we get the photos in otherwise we won't get them

**Meeting Closed just before 2100 when members moved to the tractor shed**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Counter signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

New Actions from this meeting		
Subject	Action Required	Person Responsible
Quote from surveyor re Tractor shed	Write letter, attached photographs and send to surveyor after committee approves	AVM

Rushden Permanent Allotment and Small Holdings Society Limited					
Income and Expenditure Account					
Expenditure		Income			
Anglian Water	1,882.03	Annual Rents	11,486.95		
BR		New Rents	1,051.25		
GR		Floats for stores and rent day			
HR		Stores Sales	12,575.18		
WR		BR	3,991.61		
Hay		GR	3,098.12		
		HR	2,071.00		
		WR	3,414.45		
Printing, Stationary and Postage	304.85				
Floats for stores and rent day	-	Ploughing, rotavating, topping	98.75		
Stores Purchases	14,793.07	Rent card / website sponsorship	-		
Field Hours E	951.09	Donations from members	-		
BR		Machinery/accessory sales	-		
GR		Replacement/Additional key	3.00		
HR		Sales of pre-loved & ex stock	-		
WR		Seed Orders	-		
Field Machinery (Fuel)	174.30	Brittons Potatoes	-		
BR		Misc Income	1,612.40		
GR		Transfers from deposit accounts	17,000.00		
HR		Assoc. Meets	-		
WR		P in the P - Rushden Council	-		
Official documents, etc	-	Wayleave Consent - WPower	2.50		
Tractor Fuel	-	Socials	-		
Locks and Keys	279.27	Water Licence	1,350.00		
BR					
GR					
HR					
WR					
Field / Property Maintenance	6,481.65				
BR					
GR					
HR					
WR					
Website / Publicity	64.79				
Professional Fees (accounts, etc)	936.00				
Gifts / rewards / donations	-				
Equip't Repairs & Servicing	360.62				
Insurance and Safety	532.55				
Hire of halls and refreshments	19.50				
Equipment purchases	4,222.51				
Field Steward rewards	150.00				
EDF	84.16				
Officer (Sec/Tres) payments	1,746.98				
Tax - HMRC Corp. & FCA	35.00				
Key and share returns / refunds	6.50				
Grafton Rd - refreshments	-				
CCTV - Sim Cards	167.91				
Payment to Kings Seeds (orders)	-				
Britton's Potatoes	-				
Good gardening rewards	-				
Bank charges	-				
Transfer To Deposit	12,500.00				
Misc Exp	20.00				
CCTV Installation	1,481.05				
	47,193.83		45,180.03		
Income over Expenditure	- 2,013.80				
	45,180.03				
Balance as at 20/07/21					
Income and Expenditure Account at 31/10/21		Cash with Cashier			
HSBC Current Account	3,781.61	HSBC Current Account	1,767.16		
Cash	-	Cash	0.10		
Floats	90.00	Floats	90.00		
Income over Expenditure	- 2,013.80				
	£1,867.81		£1,867.06		
		Investment Accounts:			
		£169,908.20			