

MINUTES

TUDOR ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION AGM 2024

**Meeting held at 7:30pm on Friday 26th April
at First Kingston Hill Scouts' Hut, 293 Park Rd, Kingston, KT2 5LY**

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from a number of plot holders.

2. Minutes of the AGM of 28th April 2023

These were accepted as an accurate record of the previous AGM. It was noted that skips would be used regularly on both sites.

3. Chairman's Report

In response to the report from Paul Hay (PH) it was asked whether the constitution had changed with respect to the number of site supervisors at Wolsey Drive (WD). PH explained that it had not: it was simply that 2 further people had been co-opted to assist the existing 2 supervisors.

4. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts

Lynn Boyd (LB) noted that against an income of some £7,000 (slightly more than last year) we had a slight deficit for 2023, principally due to water bills, which were higher now that were being properly metered, and maintenance costs associated with clearance work at WD.

Maintenance reserves currently stood at some £22,000 but we also expected to make a slight loss for 2024 .

5. Site Supervisors' Reports

Park Road (PR): sheds had been treated; plot holders were encouraged to collect water from shed roofs with water butts; it was noted that the water bill for the first two weeks of April was £180. Generally the site was in good condition, but work was needed on the boundary with Park Road House and had been promised by the management committee there.

Wolsey Drive (WD): out of 172 plots 168 were potentially rentable, but 4 needed prior clearance. A team of 4 site supervisors (with an additional 2 co-opted members) had been set up since Sid's death to help manage the site. 'Sid's Army' had worked to clear plots and create a social area. A collection in Sid's memory had raised £800. Deliveries of manure and wood chips had been received from Richmond Park.

6. Election of the Committee

Julia Cork (JC) announced her decision to step down as site supervisor at WD. Jim Turner thanked her for her contribution to the association over the years and presented a gift on behalf of the committee.

JC spoke about the flowers on Sid's plot which has been donated to a garden centre in Epsom, and were being used as part of a garden supporting mental health.

7. AOB

- a. Cultivation of fruit trees
The meeting heard objections to the proposal to limit fruit trees to one per plot, given that there were existing plots with more than one fruit tree on them. After some discussion the committee agreed to look at this matter further.
- b. It was suggested that the tanks at WD were also fitted with lids to prevent algal growth.
- c. There was a suggestion to have water butts at WD to collect water from sheds.
- d. There was a request for a toilet at WD – possibly a composting one.
- e. It was noted that we now had a new lease with Kingston Council which was for 25 years.