

TUDOR ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION – MINUTES

Meeting 19th March 2026 at The Willoughby Arms

1. Those attending and apologies.

Paul Hay, Chris Ridout, Mary Gledhill, Richard Post, Jonny Hoare, James Turner, Lynn Boyd, Nathalie Ashbee, Amanda Reader, Andy Trethway (guest for item 3 discussion)

Apologies received from Peter Brown.

2. Minutes of meeting of 06/11/25 and matters arising

Item 6 on going. Richard Tapper looking into it.

Item 7 Skip hire Wolsey Drive. Arriving Friday 20th March.

Item 8b liability notices for Wolsey drive: Jim to approve wording.

3. Soil report follow up

RP read report from Oakshire Environmental, which he felt was surprisingly short. 5 tests at Wolsey Drive showed lead levels over 200mg/kg. The distribution of these tests around the Wolsey Drive site did not point to a particular 'source' of contamination.

AT advised that if plots are cultivated the lead levels are diluted. PH proposed that working party provide a simple bullet point presentation for the AGM.

RP to retest plot 15b using Oakshire Environment.

What happens next?

If Plot holder doesn't want to stay we offer refund.

If plot holders want to do their own test they must do so at own expense, but we do the test and have access to the result.

LB asked if Kingston council need to be informed of our actions. Duty of care is to plot holders, not council, and members are not allowed to approach the council directly.

AT will suggest guidelines to minimise risks, such as washing vegetables in tap water.

4. Treasurer's report

Water charges would have been higher, but we had a refund of £500 in July 2025.

Maintenance reserve increased by £5000.

LB to produce pie chart to present at AGM to show where money is spent.

5. Membership Report

CR explained how membership requests are dealt with. In 2026 only 5 applications have been received so far. Park Road is allocating to applicants from May 2021, Wolsey Drive from July 2025. There are 108 names on the list and CR happy to keep the list open.

MG pointed out that we shouldn't keep names and data for too long because of data protection law but CR has only had the list for 3 years.

6. Site Specifics

Park Road

There is a problem with the gate padlock. They only last 4 years and are no longer manufactured. To have 3 made would cost £125 each.

Overhanging Trees. On-going issue with Park Gate House, regarding overhanging trees. Had said they would be cut back but as yet no action. JT to chase.

Wolsey Drive

A working party has recently cleared the perimeter fence of brambles etc. A resident of Cardinal Avenue who backs on the allotments complained that the blackberries had been removed from the allotment fence. The access road belongs to the residents of Cardinal Avenue but the fence belongs to Wolsey Drive Allotments.

Arrangements for the AGM

To be held on Tuesday 21st April at The Willoughby Arms public house.

AOB

Next TAA committee meeting Thursday 21st May.