7.30pm @ Rose Hill Community Centre

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| Trustees | Andrew Benfield and Ian Matten |
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| Acting Committee | Colin Sharp, Phil Hart, Nick Van Hear, Pearl Bevan, Bill Whaley |
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| Members | Alison Lockhart, Richard Skilbeck, Adrienne Hopkins, Catherine Gibb, Russell Whitlock, Teresa Gurl, Liz Foster-Hall, Catherine Brun, Susy Jepson, Colin Cavey, Terry Pike, Nicky Brooks, Roz Jones, Lorraine Berkshire-Roe, Grimley Evans, Aleksandra Gorminsko, Marek Gorminsko, Jon Piggott, Laura Laube and Shwaromir Fabianski. |
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| Apologies | Mariam Iqbal, Paul Wavell, David Penwarden and Ruth Russell |

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| 1.0 | **Introduction** The acting Chairman explained that the EGM had been called in response to a resolution at the AGM on 3rd November 2014. |
| 2.0 | **Minutes of the AGM on 3rd November** |
|  | The minutes of the meeting were held over for approval at the next AGM. |
| 3.0 | **Treasurer’s Report** |
|  | Prior to the meeting all the members had received a statement of accounts for the previous financial year, the auditor’s report and budget for the current financial year. There were no queries from the meeting. |
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| 4.0 | **Audit Team** |
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|  | Russell Whitlock agreed to act as technical officer. The chairman asked for volunteers to make up the audit team from the meeting but none were forthcoming so he asked for names within one week. After the meeting, Adrienne Hopkins and Nick van Hear offered their assistance. |
| 5.0 | **Membership Fees for 2015/2106** |
|  | This matter was not discussed as it had been agreed at the last AGM. |
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| 6.0 | **Revised Constitution and Rules** |
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| 6.1 | Introduction  Prior to the meeting all the members had received copies of version 5 of a revised Constitution and Rules together with a document summarising the main changes.  The acting Chairman explained the reasons why the Constitution and Rules needed revision. |
| 6.2 | Main Changes to the Constitution |
|  | The acting Secretary gave a presentation of the main changes. |
| 6.3 | Discussion re Constitution |
|  | The meeting then discussed the document. The main query related to the restriction of only one vote per plot even when the plot is worked by more than one person. Similarly a question was raised as to whether there was an implied restriction that only one person per plot could be on the committee.  A resolution to change clause 5.10 was proposed by Nick Brooks and seconded by Cathy Gibb. The wording was “Only one member or alternatively a person actively cultivating a plot may stand as a Trustee, Officer or Committee member”. This was passed unanimously. |
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| 6.4 | Version 6 of the Constitution |
|  | The acting Secretary then explained that since the papers had been sent out to members he had received further legal advice. As a result he had produced a series of amendments that would create version 6. A copy of these amendments was circulated to the members in the meeting and discussed. The meeting unanimously agreed that the word “Chairman” and “Vice-Chairman” be replaced by “Chair” and”Vice-Chair” throughout the document.  A resolution to accept version 6 was proposed by Susy Jepson and seconded by Nick Brooks and passed unanimously. |
| 6.5 | **Main Changes to the Rules** |
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|  | The acting Secretary gave a presentation of the main changes to the Rules. |
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| 6.6 | Discussion re Rules |
|  | The meeting then discussed the document.  Jon Piggott mentioned that there is no inclusion of a definition re “non-cultivation of a plot”.  Nick Brooks raised the question of training for members in relation to use of association equipment and asked who would be liable for any damage caused when a member is using an item of association equipment.  A resolution to change clause 8.2 was proposed by Cathy Gibb and seconded by Nick Brooks. The proposed wording was “Tools and equipment belonging to the Association may be used only by members who have signed the necessary disclaimer”. This resolution was passed unanimously.  A resolution to accept version 6 was proposed by Nick Brooks and seconded by Cathy Gibb and passed unanimously. |
| 6.7 | Vote of Thanks |
|  | Bill Whaley received a vote of thanks from the meeting for his work on these documents. |
| 7.0 | Elections |
| 7.1 | Trustees |
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|  | There were 3 nominations (David Penwarden, Andrew Benfield and Ian Matten) for the 3 Trustee positions. Colin Sharp proposed and Pearl Bevan seconded their election for up to 3 years and this was agreed unanimously. Ian Matten agreed to continue as President to the next AGM in November 2015. |
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| 7.2 | Chair |
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|  | At this point Ian Matten took over as Chair of the meeting. Colin Sharp was the only nomination for the post. Cathy Gibb proposed and Pearl Bevan seconded the election of Colin Sharp as Chair and this was agreed unanimously. Colin Sharp then resumed the role of Chair of the EGM. |
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| 7.3 | Secretary |
|  | Bill Whaley was the only nomination for the post. Cathy Gibb proposed and Alison Lockhart seconded the election of Bill Whaley as Secretary and this was agreed unanimously. |
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| 7.4 | Treasurer |
|  | Arnold Harpin was the only nomination for the post. Nick Van Hear proposed and Colin Sharp seconded the election of Arnold Harpin as Treasurer and this was agreed unanimously. |
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| 7.5 | Lettings Secretary |
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|  | Paul Wavell was the only nomination for the post. Jon Piggott proposed and Pearl Bevan seconded the election of Paul Wavell as Lettings Secretary and this was agreed unanimously. |
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| 7.6 | Committee Members |
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|  | There were 5 nominations (Phil Hart, Nick Van Hear, Pearl Bevan, Colin Cavey and Terry Pike) for the 5 committee positions. Cathy Gibb proposed and Nick Brooks seconded their election for the period up to the next AGM and this was agreed unanimously. |
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| 8.0 | Next AGM Meeting |
|  | The chair advised that this was scheduled for 2nd November 2015 at the Community Centre. |