

MINUTES – Meopham and District Allotment Association (MDAA)	
Chair: Mark Hill	
Date	11 th October 2022, 19:30 to 21:00
Venue	Meopham Village Hall, Small Committee Room
Attendees	Mark Hill, Rodney Buckland, David Aspinall, Dom Sullivan, Tadek Lapper, Lindy Webster, Liz Brooker

Item No.		Action
1	Welcome and Apologies Mark Hill welcomed everyone to the meeting. A dictionary of Committee members' initials is provided as a footnote.	
2	Draft Minutes of the AGM No corrections to the Minutes of the 2nd August meeting were proposed. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 2nd August meeting MH reported that Screwfix did not supply suitable double taps, but further investigations will be made. LW reported that David Brown had not yet been asked to define how many water butts (including replacements) are needed to complete the set serving communal taps. LW proposed that award of prizes to plot holders, including one for 'best scarecrow' would not take place for 2022, but would be considered for 2023.	MH LW LW, EB
3	Chair's Report MH summarised findings from the meeting that MH and RB had with the Parish Council about plans for the Southdown Shaw domain. Main points: - In time-honoured fashion, it is unlikely that decisions will be made by the Parish Council in the near future. - The Council is particularly interested in a proposal to build and operate a Men's Shed with a separate entrance from Wrotham Road.	

	- The Council would be interested to receive ideas from the Association, particularly concerning the area at the Care Home end of the domain.	
4	Secretary's Report RB reported on responses to the 'Lease Termination' process agreed at the last meeting. Eight plots had been identified for termination. Of these, the lessee of 5I had complained that he had not received our email communications, the lessee of 10B had agreed to vacate his plot by the end of September, and the lessee of 17E had agreed to vacate his plot by the end of August. There had been no response from the lessees of the other plots identified for termination. Agreed: TL to go ahead with marketing the plots identified as vacant. RB reported that six outline proposals for tree surgery had been received following an invitation posted on notice boards and listed on the website. Agreed: suitable tree surgeons would be identified. RB reported that a 'Raspberry Pi'-based security system was still being considered.	RB, TL RB RB
5	AOB Agreed: The Small Committee Room of Meopham Village Hall was a suitable option for future MDAA Committee meetings.	
6	Next Meeting No date was set for the next meeting. The meeting was closed at 21:00	

Key:

DA David Aspinall
RB Rodney Buckland
MH Mark Hill
RL Robin Lee

LW Lindy Webster
TL Tadek Lapper
DS Dom Sullivan
EB Lizze Brooker