

DRAFT MINUTES – Special General Meeting (SGM) of MDAA	
Date	16:15 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2025
Venue	Small Hall, Meopham Village Hall
Attendees	40 members of the Association

Item No.		Action
1	<p>Rodney Buckland opened proceedings by thanking attendees for their interest in and contributions to a Special General Meeting, called by a plot holder with the support of twelve co-signatories, as required by our Constitution.</p> <p>Rodney introduced Mitchell Whetstone as convenor of the SGM.</p>	
2	<p><b>Introduction: aims and objectives.</b></p> <p>Mitchell Whetstone called on plot holder Hans Goethals to make an impassioned plea for the MDAA community to respect each other and to follow a Code of Conduct, a draft of which he was making available to the Committee.</p> <p>MW then went on to describe the wide range of tasks that the Committee carries out, including: managing lettings; running a treasury; maintaining the roadway, water supply system, notice boards and composting toilet; arranging deliveries of horse manure and wood chips; liaising with the Meopham Parish Council; supporting plot holders in maintaining their plots to the standards required by our lease of Southdown Shaw; and generally enabling members to achieve their objectives in being responsible for a part of our allotment garden.</p> <p>Mitchell explained that the SGM was called to elect a new Committee in the absence of one being properly elected at the AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.</p> <p>At this point, the existing Committee was asked to stand down, and Rodney was called upon to announce the results of the nomination process and to complete election formalities.</p>	
3	<p><b>Elections</b></p> <p>Rodney informed the meeting that notices announcing the elections had been posted at various on-site locations and on the home page of our website, as well being emailed to all members using email addresses in the PlotMaster database.</p>	

	<p>All nominations received by noon on Friday 31st October were checked to establish that nominee, proposer and seconder were fully paid-up members of the Association.</p> <p>Rodney informed the meeting that one nomination was received for each of the Officer roles: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and five nominations were received for Committee membership.</p> <p>All the nominees were introduced in turn and considered as elected by general acclamation with no discontent.</p> <p>The three Officers elected were:</p> <p>Chair – Gareth Oxley (17G)  Secretary – Mitchell Whetstone (6D)  Treasurer – Ian Cook (17D)</p>	
4	<p>The formal meeting was closed at 17:00 and this was followed by an opportunity for networking by the attendees taking advantage of the pop-up café, enthusiastically and expertly managed by Susan Andrews and Lindy Webster.</p> <p>The Small Hall was vacated at 18:00.</p>	