

GOSPORT ALLOTMENT HOLDERS & GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 12th May 2025 at

1. Introduction

Steve Broughton (acting chairman) welcomed the 25 people who attended and thanked them for coming this evening.

2. Minutes of AGM held 7th May 2024

The minutes were approved and accepted as a record of the previous AGM.

Proposed by Pete Witherow and seconded by Val Sommerford

There were no matters arising

3. Chairman's Report

Steve B thanked Jim More for all the things that he has done for the association over the years. He has been chair or vice chair for as long as Steve can remember and in this time has achieved many things for the association. Some of the things Jim has done/does:-

Keeping an eye on the council, helped with the taking on of Rectory, applying for grants, securing lottery funding to update site stores, Manor Way allotments, Sumup card payments, Growing in Gosport, Judging allotments for our shows, Promoting allotments at events, transporting tables and gazebos to events. Far too many things to mention now.

Steve presented Jim with leaving gift and many cards from sites and individuals. Steve also thanked Amy (Jim's daughter) who has helped with the running of the shows from early on. Steve presented Amy with a voucher.

Steve thanked the committee for their hard work over the year.

He also thanked to everyone that has donated raffle prizes for talks and shows, cakes for the shows, plants and tools for the plant sale and flowers, plants and produce for the Michaelmas Fayre.

Steve B presented Sandra Lister with a lifetime membership of the association.

Things we have done this year

- Maggie has organised talks and coach trips throughout the year.
- The summer and autumn shows were well attended with many new faces entering.
- G in G (Growing in Gosport) is still going well.
- Manor Way its first year
- Continued to attend the Stakeholders committee

Dave Dick asked if it is necessary to attend the council meetings as the storekeepers meet with Caroline and Matt.

Steve B said it would be a mistake to stop, it is because of the Stakeholders committee that the storekeepers are back showing plots again.

Jim M emphasised the importance of monitoring the council activities. They need to be reminded about vacant and neglected plots and also grass cutting which they say is a priority but not always done.

4. Treasurers Report

Steve Goldsmith reminded us that this was his first year as treasurer. He thanked colleagues on the committee and the outgoing treasurer (Val Sommerford) for their help. The accounts have been prepared audited and distributed and so far no queries raised. Copies of an overview of the accounts have been distributed and Steve asked if there were any questions. He said he could be contacted after the meeting to discuss the accounts if anyone wanted to ask anything.

Funds at 31st December 2024 £11616

General fund..... £7325
Rectory..... £2148
G in G..... £2143

Up to date Funds at 30th April this year.....£14479
Have allocated..... £ 2645 for known debts that fall within next 60 days
So available funds..... £11834

Steve B thanked Steve G for the reports and Dave D for doing the checking.

5. Financial statements for year 2024

Pete Witherow proposed that the accounts are accepted this was seconded by Wendy Redman. There were nods of agreement, there were no objections. The account were accepted

6. Waiver of requirement for full audit

Following an explanation, there were no objections to the waiver of the requirement to a full audit.

7. Supply Officer's Report

Jim Lister (also store keeper at Brockhurst) said that over the year there had been problems with suppliers, rising costs but still has stock. If there are any items that people would like to be available from the store please let Jim know. There is now a 70L bag of compost available called Clover

8. G in G Report

Jim M-2024 ended with 3 gardeners. Has handed 1 plot back to the council in a very good state. **Not been let yet!** G in G has donated plants to the Brune and to Willow groups. These donations to "Level up" the Mayors charity qualified us to invite the Mayor to attend the opening of Manor Way. Jim has been trying to restore an old iron shelter, collecting pieces found on site. Has asked HMS Sultan to help find some missing pieces and help put it together. The polytunnel still needs some work. Jim said that he will continue heading G in G for as long as he can.

9. Rectory Site Managers Report

Steve B- The association has been running the site for 11 years. The rent for this year has been paid to the landowner. Some repairs have been done and some still to do.

Steve said he will be out of action for about 6 weeks at the end of the month. He will be unable to help Val collect the stores from the main store.

Val runs the store at Rectory.

There has been some antisocial behaviour on the site.

The site was one of the Alverstoke open gardens last year and will be open again this year.
There is a healthy waiting list.

Steve said that in his convalescence time he would research installing piped water to the horse field site.

10. Any other committee member's reports

- Membership Secretary- Sue Courtney: commented that this is her first year and that she is happy to continue.

337 members for this year, 20 without email address. 84 members did not renew this year

Site>	Brockhurst	Camden	Elson	Middlecroft	Rectory	Rowner	Manor Way
Current members	80	21	32	62	78	25	39
Members that did not renew by 9/5/25	31	7	9	18	14	5	+2

- Elson store keeper- Mark Barnes: Has an active Facebook presence. Opens on and off over the week would like someone to open the stores on Sunday mornings.
- Social Secretary- Maggie Duckett: apologised that the November talk had been cancelled at short notice the speaker was not well. Will try to rebook.
The February talk (Alan Horgan, pests and diseases) was well received.
Has booked Alan for the next talk in February.
The trip to Bosham open gardens was a lovely day.
September's Gilberts Dahlia event with fairy houses to spot, there were 40 the winner found 36
- Middlecroft store keeper-Dave Dick: the site has many untended plots.
- Jim M -When the volunteers stopped showing people round the plots the number of vacant plots jumped up to 196. There are over 300 people waiting.
- Jim Lister-Had been given a list of people to show plots on a Friday before a bank holiday. He was given no list of plots to let. He was unable to contact anyone at the council for help.
- Manor way storekeeper- Sarah Gasser commented that it is a lovely site, she thanked all who help get it up and running, Very sorry that she will be unable to attend the opening party.

11. Nomination and election of Committee Members

Dave D proposed that Dave Hurst for Chairman this was seconded by Steve G and carried by all.

Dave H said that he is happy to do it and that he hadn't volunteered but was asked if he would do it.

Dave Hurst proposed Dave Dick for vice chairman this was seconded by Mike Pritchard and carried by all.

Steve B asked if there were any nominations for other posts there were none

The rest of the committee happy to continue, no one disagreed.

12. Any Other Business

Plant sale this Sunday. Plants on sale from 10am.

The summer show schedule is almost ready

Steve B thanked all for attending this evening

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Committee from May 2025

Chairman	Dave Hurst		Storekeepers
Vice Chairman	Dave Dick	and store @	Middlecroft
Treasurer	Steve Goldsmith		
Rectory site Manager/	Steve Broughton		
Show Secretary			
Supply officer/Buyer	Jim Lister	and store @	Brockhurst
Joint Hon Secretary/	Alison Brown		Val Sommerford.....Rectory
Public relations	Wendy Redman		Mike Pritchard.....Camden
Social Secretary	Maggie Duckett		Mark Barnes.....Elson
Members Secretary	Sue Courtney		Sue WebberRowner
Minutes Secretary	Sandra Lister		
			Cliff Hale)Manor Way
			Sarah Gasser)