



TAMWORTH FARM ALLOTMENT SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 7.15pm, 3 August 2026

Attendees:, Steffi Backhouse (SB), Julie Mallett (JM), Anthony Redpath (AR), Jo Rodgers (JR), Craig Sisterson (CS), Bev Stansfield (BS), Kathleen Stevens (KS) and Katy Willison (KW)

Apologies and Welcome

1. Apologies were accepted from Martin Best, Elisabetta Costantini and Rob Rudolf.

Minutes and Actions

2. Minutes from July meeting were agreed.

South End project

3. AR thanked all Committee members for making themselves available for this one-off extraordinary meeting. He noted that there was only one item on the agenda, the way forward on the South End project.
4. He presented a paper with options for making progress on the South End project on the Farm site. TFAS had secured £10,000 from the National Lottery to remove the large mounds of earth and clear the wider area in order to use the space for a metal waste bay, water capture and collection, three composting bays and a pocket meadow.
5. It had proved difficult to get costings for the earth removal because many companies in this area are small outfits and not able to manage such large amounts of earth. Exploratory excavation has established that the mounds included large amounts of rubbish and non organic material and this increases the costs involved. We obtained two quotes, the first was lower than £10,000 , but not hugely professional and was based on the earth being clean; the second was more professional and thought through, from the company that clears the Farm green waste bay, and allowed for the earth containing non organic material. The second quote included two options, one for £10,000 for a proportion of the material and one for around £15,000 for full removal. AR invited the Committee to consider the funding options in the paper and agree a way forward.
6. There were a number of practical questions about the project. For the work itself, AR said he would need to talk to the contractor to determine full details. Committee members would not be required to put in their own labour, but AR anticipated that he would be on site to supervise. Some rubbish removal of loose rubbish will be required in advance and Committee members can help with that. A skip will be required. We also need to find a solution to remove the scrap metal. KS and SB committed to exploring a couple of local options.

7. In terms of access for the grabber loads, AR said parking suspension is not required, but we will need to try and secure space outside the Farm gate. KS offered help with managing parking spaces on Rose Avenue.
8. Could there be any risk from cables underneath the ground? AR noted that this is not a concern for earth removal as there will be no excavation. AR will check power line maps before there is any infrastructure construction which involves digging.
9. TFAS Committee members were satisfied that the project was well thought through in terms of practicalities and risks. There was full support for the project proceeding. In terms of the financing, it was agreed unanimously that we should use additional TFAS resources in addition to the National Lottery grant and fund the higher amount. This would ensure that the full project can be completed, as promised to the National Lottery.
10. Meeting ended 19.50.