



TAMWORTH FARM ALLOTMENT SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 7pm, 2 February 2026

Attendees: Steffi Backhouse (SB), Elisabetta Costantini (EC), Anthony Redpath (AR), Jo Rodgers (JR), Rob Rudolf (RR), Craig Sisterson (CS), Bev Stansfield (BS) & Katy Willison (KW)

Apologies, Minutes, and Actions

1. Julie Mallett and Kathleen Stevens sent apologies.
2. Minutes from January meeting agreed.
3. Actions updated since January meeting:
 - a. **TFAS social media:** JR reported no further progress with gaining access to past TFAS social media accounts. Committee agreed to look at setting up new Instagram account under Tamworth Farm Gmail address.
 - b. **Glass panes:** donated glass panes not suitable for use. RR to try to source others.
 - c. **Farm works/south end project:** AR reported £6-7k estimated cost for earth removal to level south end, or £3-4k if up to fig tree and proposed a new lottery funding application for community & environment works, including earth removal
 - d. **Locks and signs:** AR has created and installed new signs.
 - e. **Rough sleeper:** has left area.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Site Maintenance Report

4. RR provided updated Site Maintenance Report by email to Committee members.
5. **Thefts and site security:** Committee discussed ongoing thefts, and that other allotments have established 'Allotment Watch' schemes. AR proposed bringing paper to next Committee meeting; Committee to consult with plot holders to get feedback about what they want. Discussed solar-powered motion sensor lights for all gates, community watch signs. **Actions:** KW to a note in newsletter. AR to bring paper to next Committee meeting about possible Allotment Watch scheme
6. **Rose Avenue locks:** SB reported one RA lock falling apart. Committee agreed to reuse/recycle if can, even if not on main gates.

Plot management and letting policy review

7. KW presented report.
8. **Plot management:** Committee agreed the current system is working well overall. TFAS policy is to be compassionate and respond to need re individual plot holders
9. **Letting:** noted 16 people currently on waiting list. Suggested that we reopen list soon to demonstrate healthy demand for allotments. Noted that TFAS currently welcome approx. 12 new plotholders per year. **Agreed to reopen waiting list on 1 April.**

Data Retention Policy - KW to present at March Committee meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. **Community Day:** Committee discussed upcoming first Community Day of the year. Confirmed date as Saturday 21 February. Security, pruning, litter picking. **Action: KW to circulate info and SB to put on plot holder WhatsApp group.**

ACTIONS IN FEBRUARY

Item	Action	Name	Target date/ Completed
7 April 2025	Look at work needed to Horseshoe shed, consider a suitable replacement for the decked area and costs involved. RR to investigate costs for pavers.	RR	Ongoing
6 May	Prepare list of 15-minute jobs to do across the site to encourage plot holders on communal activities.	JM/ SB	Ongoing
10 Nov	Try and get Instagram account working	JR/ KS	Ongoing
1 Dec 2025	Source glass panes for shed	RR/KS	Continuing from Dec
1 Dec 2025	Sub-Committee to investigate and action works for south of Farm (compost, metal bays, shed, etc). AR to investigate lottery funding application	AR, RR, KW and KS	Ongoing
5 Jan 2026	KS and JM to investigate 'donation box' possibilities for excess produce grown this coming season; KS to contact Tooting Food Kitchen	KS/JM	2 March 2026
2 Feb 2026	KW to notify plot holders that Committee looking into increasing security; AR to bring paper to next meeting about possible Allotment Watch scheme	KW/AR	2 March 2026
2 Feb 2026	Waiting list for new plotholders to be reopened on 1 April 2026; website updated with information	KW/JM/SB	2 April 2026

2 Feb 2026	Publicising of first TFAS Community Day for 2026 to be held on Saturday, 21 February. KW to circulate info; SB to put poster in WhatsApp group.	KW/SB	16 Feb 2026
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Committee meetings - Dates for the Diary 2026 (all on Monday unless otherwise stated)

2 March 2026

7 September 2026

Tuesday 7 April 2026

5 October 2026

Tuesday 5 May 2026

AGM Sunday 1 November 2026

1 June 2026

2 November 2026

6 July 2026

7 December 2026

3 August 2026 (may not be needed)