



## TAMWORTH FARM ALLOTMENT SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 7.15pm, 5 January 2026

Attendees: Steffi Backhouse (SB), Elisabetta Costantini (EC), Julie Mallett (JM), Anthony Redpath (AR), Jo Rodgers (JR), Rob Rudfelt (RR), Craig Sisterson (CS), Bev Stansfield (BS), Kathleen Stevens (KS) & Katy Willison (KW)

### Apologies, Minutes, and Actions

1. No apologies
2. Minutes from December meeting were agreed.
3. Actions updated since December meeting:
  - a. *TFAS social media*: JR investigated, no further progress. Raised possibility that we can prove existence of TFAS via bank statements and registered address, and may then be able to re-access some social media accounts.
  - b. *TFAS 2025/2026 Priorities Paper*: AR circulated a paper on 1 December summarising 2025/2026 priorities identified by TFAS Committee. Responses received. Matter now dealt with.
  - c. *Farm works*: sub-committee held onsite meeting in December.
  - d. *Horseshoe works*: SB has taken note of what plotholder items have been stored in the communal area. AR and RR have measured area to be paved. **Action: RR to calculate how many pavers/other items needed.**

### SCHEDULED BUSINESS

#### Site Maintenance Report

4. RR provided updated Site Maintenance Report by email to Committee members.
5. *Locks and signs*: Committee discussed gate locks being damaged by plotholders oiling them.
6. *Rough sleeper*: RR presented evidence of local rough sleeper on basketball courts. Committee discussed response.
7. RR noted EC had planted a rescue holly.
8. **Panes of glass for common shed**: KS has obtained glass panes from neighbour that could be used/recycled for allotment use. KS to liaise with RR.

## Community Day date setting & 2026 Calendar of Events

9. KW suggested Plant Sale date of Sat 9 May. KS offered to help with greenhouse work ahead of sale.
10. Committee agreed Harvest Festival date of Sat 12 September.
11. For community days, SB suggested timing some with equinoxes and solstices. Committee discussed possible jobs for each day per seasons and what is needed.
12. . At this stage the following calendar was agreed:
  - a. January = no community day.
  - b. **Saturday 21 February** – focus on security, pruning, and litter picking;
  - c. **Saturday 21 March (Spring Equinox)** – focus on planting communal areas;
  - d. **Sunday 19 April** – Community Day - tasks tbc;
  - e. **Saturday 9 May** – ANNUAL PLANT SALE;
  - f. **Saturday 20 June (Summer Solstice)** – work on Horseshoe and Farm projects;
  - g. July = no community day.
  - h. August = no community day.
  - i. **Saturday 12 September** – HARVEST FESTIVAL
  - j. **Sunday 18 October** – Community Day, Rose Avenue compost, end-of-year tidy-up.
  - k. **Sunday 1 November** – AGM
  - l. December = no community day.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13. **Locks and signs:** Committee agreed AR to produce signs for locks (no oiling of locks) and sent to TFAS Committee for feedback; also to get 'lock the gate' signs (**Action**)
14. **New Plotholders:** JM noted we have four vacant plots; three have been taken up.
15. **Excess produce:** Committee discussed reducing 'waste' of produce. KS to speak with Tooting Food Kitchen. JM & KS to discuss creation of 'donation box' in common area (**Action**)

## ACTIONS IN JANUARY

Item	Action	Name	Target date/Completed
7 April 2025	Look at work needed to Horseshoe shed, consider what would be a suitable replacement for the decked area and whether this should be done by volunteers or we should pay for professional help.	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, RR, KW and KS	Continuing from Dec

1 Dec 2025	Sub-Committee group to progress works for Horseshoe shed paving project, including having a site meeting and RR to calculate how many pavers	CS, SB, AR and RR	Continuing from Dec
5 Jan 2026	Locks and signs: AR to create draft signs re: no oiling of locks and lock gate reminders	RR	2 Feb 2026
5 Jan 2026	Rough Sleeper: KS to contact Streetlink	KS	19 Jan 2026
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 Feb 2026

**Committee meetings - Dates for the Diary 2026 (all on Monday unless otherwise stated)**

2 February 2026	3 August 2026 (may not be needed)
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