

DRAFT MINUTES – Meopham and District Allotment Association (MDAA)	
Date	14 th October 2025
Venue	Central Car Park, Southdown Shaw
Attendees	Mitchell Whetstone, Rodney Buckland, Ian Cook, Rita Cook, Lindy Webster, [REDACTED] , Martyn Baddeley

Item No.		Action
1	Welcome and Apologies Rodney Buckland (RB) opened the meeting at 19:00 and proposed that, in the absence of the Chair, Mitchell Whetstone (MW) chair the meeting. Approved: MW to chair the meeting Apologies were received from Lizze Brooker (LB) and Sue Twyman (ST) A dictionary of Committee members' initials is provided as a footnote.	
2	Draft Minutes of previous meetings It was decided that the many points that should be raised about the Minutes of the 12th August and 16th September meetings should be considered at a later meeting as those responsible for them were absent. Matters arising RB noted that the current meeting was proposed, discussed and agreed at the Committee meeting on 8th July, replacing one that was scheduled for the 7th October as part of the original block of six meetings, booked in January 2025. The current meeting was booked by the Secretary and paid for by the previous Treasurer, David Aspinall. As expected, the booking appeared in the Meopham Village Hall calendar until recently, when it was replaced by a meeting on the 21st October. This change was not proposed, discussed and approved in Committee, and the Secretary has been asked to cancel the change. Furthermore, the Chair has been responding to enquiries by claiming that the current meeting on the 14th October has never been scheduled.	

	True to form, the Secretary has not corrected the unauthorised change to the meeting date. Agreed unanimously: This meeting has been properly authorised and implemented, a change of date has not and cannot be authorised without Committee approval. An agenda for this meeting has been sent to the entire Committee. Noted: All of the Committee have been notified of this meeting by email and invited to respond so that accommodation could be provided.	
3	Two Motions of No Confidence A Motion of No Confidence in the Chair and a Motion of No Confidence in the Secretary had been previously distributed to those present. MW introduced the two Motions as being necessary to restore order and democracy in the Committee but also as a response to the many complaints received in recent times from plot holders. Both Motions were carried unanimously.	
4	Special General Meeting It was noted that a plot holder, [REDACTED] had submitted a call for a Special General Meeting (SGM) supported by more than ten current, paid up plot holders more than seven days ago and had not had the consideration of a response from the Secretary. Agreed: The SGM will take place at 16:15 on Sunday 26th October in the Village Hall's Main Hall. (A reservation was made by RB before the meeting.) Agreed: The booking will be made on Wednesday 15th October with the Village Hall's invoice sent to the Treasurer. The SGM will be dedicated to the election of an Association Committee according to the requirements of the Constitution. Agreed: RB to prepare an Announcement of the SGM and circulate it to the Committee. Agreed: RB to produce posters announcing the SGM and to encapsulate them prior to display in the Allotment Garden.	RB RB RB

	Noted: All of the current Committee are required to resign at the AGM and offer themselves as members of the new Committee if they so wish. The three Officers of the Committee – Chair, Secretary and Treasurer – are also required to resign and can offer themselves for re-election.	
	MW closed the meeting at 20:00 and thanked the attendees for their resilience in the face of the bullying, undermining, incompetence and sleight of hand they have experienced in recent Committee meetings.	

Key-value pairs:

LB Lizze Brooker
RB Rodney Buckland
ST Sue Twyman
MW Mitchell Whetstone