

Lane Avenue & Moorside Community Allotment General Meeting

28th September 2025

Bentley Moor Club

Present:

A. Khalid, Alan M, Amerjit S (Santock), Andrew B, Chris M, Cliff A, Dave E, David B, David N, Dawn W, Jag H, Keith P, Marc B, Mike D + friend, Natalie T, Ray S-L, Rio B, Ralph C, Ramirez S, Shadi K, Steph A, Steve S, Sue C, Susan D, Ursula W (25 signed in)

Apologies: Bal K, Martin L

Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

Secretary's Report (Ursula)

We currently have 128 members and 113 plots.

Several plot holders have resigned this year and we have allocated 11 plots to new people. We still have 1 vacant plot although it is in very poor condition. There are 16 people on the waiting list.

Rent is due next month. An email reminder will be sent out and a poster put on the gate. Rent can be paid by bank transfer or in cash.

Ursula will be giving up the position of secretary before too long. Please think about volunteering for the role and speak to Ursula if you would like to find out more about it.

Treasurer's Report (Sue)

Income this month has been £3.16 (bank account interest).

Expenditure this month has been £441.75 (service charge & National Allotment Society membership fee)

Currently the bank balance is £6,556.60

Our water bill is due.

Chair's Report (Steve)

We've used 900 units of water this year which will cost us approximately £13,050. This is a considerable increase from year.

Current plot charges are not covering the basics: water, bank charges, insurance and membership of the National Allotment Society. The smaller plots are now effectively costing us to rent out. We have money in our account to cover this year's expenditure, but we will not have the money to cover future bills.

We had previously agreed to give people a discount if they attend the AGM. The overheads of keeping track of attendees as well as smaller plots not paying their way make this unviable.

Proposals to increase rents for October 2026 will be proposed at an EGM in January.

AOB:

- Shadi asked if we could have a sink in the toilet. Chris will look into this.
- Ursula will send an email to everyone: we all need to commit to keeping the toilet clean.
- The water pipe to the toilet needs to be finished. The ground has been too hard to do this over the summer. Rio and Mike hope to complete this work in the next few weeks.
- Steph will be checking plots throughout the year. They must be kept in good order.
- We have 5 new committee members, Marc Batiste (plot 28a), Shadi Kamal (plot 18), Mike Davies (plot 9 & 6a), David Burke (11), Natalie Thomas (plot 21 & 53). Welcome!!

- There was mention of rubbish on site affecting parking and access. Committee will look into this.
- Green waste – people need to either take green waste home and put in their brown bin or compost it on their own plot.
- We are trying to get rid of the tractor – so far we have been unable to find anyone to take it.

If anyone would like a copy of these minutes, please email Ursula laneavenue.m.c.a@gmail.com
A copy will be put on the noticeboard and a copy will be available in the office.