

# WATA AGM

## Meeting Minutes

27/03/2025

### 1. **Apologies**

Kevin Murray and Mike (K row)

### 2. **Previous minutes**

The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed by Barry and Tim.

### 3. **Email mailing list**

The email system has had some issues recently, and a new mailing list will have to be created. Opt-in forms were available to tenants who would like their email to be added to the list.

### 4. **Matters Arising**

Rats are an issue across the site. Tenants are asked to report areas of infestation to the Council.

There are 30 Reading residents on plots.

2 keys are still outstanding from tenants who have given up their plots.

Mike McNamara was voted in as the new Chair of the committee.

Other committee vacancies were not filled.

### 5. **Annual Report**

Thank you.

The outgoing Chair apologised for not following the constitution and thanked the committee for their work in the past year.

She also thanked Barry and Andy for their contribution to Launchpad.

Ian was thanked for organising the cameras over the past year. One new camera has been placed on site.

Thanks go to Tim, Adrian, Peter and Jim for their contribution to the Memorial Plot.

### Site Issues

There are 49 people on the waiting list for a plot.

There are 381 plots in use.

373 plots have tenants.

8 plots are vacant.

There were 65 new tenants in the last year.

Flooding has been an issue again this year. The Council is aware and looking at ways to mitigate the worst areas. The Council will be asked to plant trees such as Eucalyptus to soak up excess water.

Rubbish is an issue across the site. Tenants were asked not to take rubbish off site with them and not to dump on communal areas or other tenants' plots. Tenants were reminded that before building/erecting a storage structure (shed, greenhouse or polytunnel) on their plot permission should be sought from the Council.

The Council will be providing skips over the late May Bank Holiday Weekend.

There is a gentleman who will collect metal from a tenant's plot. Contact the committee for details.

Bonfires. Tenants were reminded that fires can only be lit after 4pm on only until the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. After which time there will be no fires allowed until the Autumn.

Thefts were quite common across the site last year. This is unacceptable and the Council will act if there is proof. It was suggested that tenants could mount their own cameras if they felt it necessary.

If any tenant notices a breach in the security fence by M row it should be reported to either the committee or Council.

Toilets. We are lucky to have toilets on site, so tenants were reminded to look after them.

Roads. A and B row had a new road laid. The new road system will not be rolled out across the site. The remaining material will be used to fill in existing potholes on an annual basis. Tenants are reminded that the speed limit is 5 mph. There are children on site who have been seen running unsupervised on site. This poses a danger to them and drivers who speed.

Inspections. Tenants were reminded that if they are unable to work their plot for whatever reason they should let the committee or Council know as they will be given leniency during any inspection process.

Scout visit. The site was visited by a troop of Scouts. They had a great time doing a quiz and learning what happens on an allotment site.

Chicken and hen policy is still being worked on by the Council.

Town Councillor. A representative from the Leisure Committee will be invited to attend committee meetings to strengthen ties and promote better communication between the Council and committee.

Beekeeper. Tenants are reminded that we have working hives on site and the honey is available for sale. Contact Paul 07813078199.

## 6. Launchpad

The Rotary Club have provided seeds for Launchpad for the coming year.  
Barry has stepped away from Launchpad.

Last year Launchpad saw 11 full and 2 half corporate days.

They produced 59 crates of produce which was down on the 112 produced the previous year.

## 7. Finance

The Huntley and Palmer pop up shop was a great success last year and another has been organised for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Three benches have been bought for the Memorial Plot and have been positioned on the site. Thanks to Andy for this.

Income		Expenditure	
Launchpad	£1292.41	Orchard	£111.16
Interest	£38.71	Batteries	£70.51
		Camera	£131.99
		IT	£147.84
		Misc	£36.55
		Benches	£2298.00
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£2617.02</b>	