

Churchill Parish Council



Minutes of the Open Spaces and Allotments Committee Meeting on 27th May 2025

Present: Councillors B Wilkinson, M Baker, D Johnson, clerk S Diaz and 3 tenants from the allotment.

Tenants raised concerns regarding plots that have been left unattended for several months.

- 25/OSA5A To elect a chairman
It was resolved to elect Councillor B Wilkinson as chairman.
- 25/OSA5B To receive any apologies of non-attendance
Councillors J Bush and R Jeacocke sent their apologies.
- 25/OSA5C To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.
There were no declarations of interest.
- 25/OSA5D To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2025.
It was resolved to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2025.
- 25/OSA5E Allotments-Update on Budget v Spend.
The budget v spend is on target for this quarter. Only 6 tenants have still to pay their fees for 25-26.
- 25/OSA5F To review the allotment fees.
It was resolved to keep the allotment fees at the current prices.
- 25/OSA5G Allotment matters for information.
There are several plots in field 2 that have not been worked on for several months. The clerk will follow up with the current tenants. The community day was supported by other tenants and progress was made on clearing and tidying the site. Thanks to Rose for leading the group and organising the event. The clerk advised that there are 6 half plots still unoccupied at the allotments. The clerk will liaise with the Communications Officer to do another push to encourage new tenants through the newsletter and notice boards. The clerk will contact the clerk at Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council to circulate plots available to those on their waiting list. Contact will be made with members of local groups to advertise allotment plots. The clerk will aim to get some weed suppressant to cover unoccupied plots.

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It was noted that the new grass contractor was maintaining the allotment area well.

Rose from field 1 would like to set up a whatsapp group for tenants who don't use social media. The clerk will circulate her details.

24/OSA5H

To consider the burial fees.

It was resolved to keep the burial fees at the current prices.

25/OSA5I

Open spaces -Budget v Spend.

The budget v spend is on target for this quarter.

25/OSA5J

Open spaces-matters for information

The Parish Orderly asked if the Hand sculpture at the traffic lights will be relocated once the new roundabout is place, and if the current bulbs could be relocated. At this stage plans are still unknown. The dog bin in Ladymead Lane is also being used for rubbish by residents, which fills quickly. The clerk will organise a sign to say dog waste only.

Next meeting Monday 15th September 2025

End of minutes