

**The Somersham and District  
Smallholding and Allotment Association Limited**  
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**Meeting Title:** General Allotment Business  
**Location:** Centurion Club  
**Date:** 13 December 2022  
**Time:** 1930

Present:	Andy Bell	Chairman	AB
	Debbie Coope		DC
	Bob Peggs		RP
	Sabine Prideaux		SP
	Ling Warrilow	Secretary	LW
	Philip Wood		PW

1	<b>Apologies</b> None had been received.
2	<b>Minutes</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2022 were approved.
3	<b>Matters Arising</b> Due to the adverse weather, no works have been carried out at the allotment.
4	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> The Annual General Meeting which took place the week before was discussed. The Committee agreed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of the AGM should include a request for Any Other Business items in advance of the meeting.</li> <li>• The minutes of the previous AGM should be included in the notice, together with the accounts for inspection, on the website.</li> <li>• A notice should also be posted on the notice board with details of the website.</li> <li>• In answer to a query about whether a vote was taken not to have the accounts audited, it was pointed out that this decision had already been made at previous AGMs.</li> </ul>
5	<b>Somersham Carnival 2023</b> An invitation had been received for the Association to take a stall at the Somersham Carnival in June 2023. Due to difficulties manning the stall in the past the possibility of no produce being available if we experience the extreme weather that we did this year, it was agreed that the Association would decline the invitation.
6	<b>Allocation of Plots</b> The Chairman explained that until we can establish who has and has not paid, no action could be taken.
7	<b>Dirty Plots</b> DC expressed concern about the welfare of some birds on the allotment, especially during the extreme cold weather. She agreed to speak with a holder about this issue.  RP suggested that allotment holders who have livestock should inform us, including numbers. AB agreed to put together a message requesting this information.
8	<b>Maintenance</b> Until the weather has improved, no work can take place. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RP reported that a few potholes have appeared but nothing serious</li> <li>• AB reported that a few fence posts still need replacing</li> </ul>
9	<b>Security</b>

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	The Chairman reported the gates have been locked and has not noticed anything suspicious.
7	<b>Any Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DC reported that there is still a pile of rubbish to clear; metal for recycling, wood to burn, laminated sheets and UPVC doors. RP offered to see if they could fit on his trailer to take to the tip.</li><li>• AB reported that there are still 21 asbestos sheets to remove from the hedge.</li><li>• DC asked if something could be done about the road next to PW's plots. PW explained that there is a pile of aggregate on his plot for people to use.</li><li>• There were no offers to sit on the Committee at the AGM. Two possibilities were Louise Sanderson and Simon Marshall.</li></ul>
8	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Tuesday 10 January 2022 at 1930 hrs.