

St Thomas Allotment Association



Draft Minutes of Online Cttee Meeting

Thursday 28th April 2022, 6pm

A. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Present/apologies/welcome/quorum. Present (*quorate*): John Butler (Chair); David Solman (Secretary); William Turner (Ashwood Rd.) Richard Brownbridge (Clapperbrook); Charles Knill (Trading Mngr.); Rob Shields (Rackfields); Christine Webb (Events Co-Ordinator)
Apologies: Claire Richards, Jim Clark, Paul Collier. | Not Present: Tim Snell; Rob Harding.
Christine Webb was welcomed as a newly appointed Cttee. member. Cttee. members introduced themselves to her.

1.2 Agenda. Those present agreed to the agenda as pre-circulated. John B. recommended that all meetings in future should include a 'round-table' section where each site brings a summary of its recent work

1.3 Minutes. It was agreed that the minutes of the previous Cttee. Mtg. would be deferred for approval at the meeting scheduled for 17th May because this online meeting will only last 40 minutes max.

B. MAIN ITEM: Constitution

The revised constitution had been pre-circulated as a draft. The following potential additions/ amendments had been pre-tabled for discussion before it goes out to consultation:

- A) **Anything Not Provided For & Force Majeure**
Anything not provided for, nor reserved for decision by Members at a General Meeting, may be undertaken by the Committee.
- B) **Length of Contracts**
Any contract longer than one year that the Committee may enter into, shall be reviewable by the Members at the next General Meeting. Members shall have an unfettered right to agree, reject, or propose new terms at that GM. This power of call-in must be acknowledged in any such contract unless there is a more general clause allowing either party to withdraw/cancel at any time.
- C) **OFFICIAL cf TRADING NAME** When did the word 'HOLDER' appear in the Association name ? Amend Holder to Holder's in title ?
- D) **VACANCIES** Do we really need both of these statements ? (i) The Committee may fill vacancies by co-option, who will stand until the next AGM. (ii) In the event of an officer standing down during the year, a replacement will be elected at the next General Meeting of members.
- E) **EGM's.** As an EGM should only be called for a specific reason. Should this sentence read: 'Only this requested matter will be on the agenda and discussed.'
- F) **FOOTNOTE.** To add a footnote to define a 'tenant' as the person or persons registered with ECC or the Assn. or their wife/husband/partner.
- G) **MEMBERSHIP.** To add the word 'registered, i.e. 'Membership will begin as soon as the membership form has been completed, received and registered.'

Item A - agreed

Item B - supported in principle - but the precise wording is to be discussed between David S. and Bill T. and the results of that discussion to be circulated before or at the next Cttee. Mtg.

Item C - agreed

Item D - A reformulated wording was agreed as noted by John B. to merge the two sentences.

Item E - Agreed

Item F - Agreed

Item G - deferred (because the meeting ran out of time)

Consultation proposals - deferred (because the meeting ran out of time)

C. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

5. Round table updates | 6. Membership scheme | 7. AoB | 8. Next mtg(s)

Items 5-7 were deferred because the meeting ran out of time. Item 8 - the next meeting remains as already scheduled: 7-9pm , Royal British Legion Club, Alphington Tues 17th May.



signed (Chair).....

dated 17th May 2022.....