

# MEETING MINUTES



Thursday  
10th September 2026  
7pm

Present: Trevor Stratford (TS), Simon Letzer (SL), Hannah Moore (HM), Dave Barnden - RHCC (DB)

| Topics            | Key Points                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Action                                         |
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| Matters Arising   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No response has yet been received from Planning. DB to check whether RHCC has received any correspondence.</li> <li>TS is continuing work on the History Portfolio.</li> <li>HM to check wholesale flower prices per stem.</li> <li><b>School Calendar:</b> TS to provide photographs.</li> <li>A borrowed muck fork, which was being used for digging, has broken. HM to ask the user to fund a replacement.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>DB</p> <p>TS<br/>HM</p> <p>TS</p> <p>HM</p> |
| Garden Walk Round | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A moth caterpillar problem has affected the salad crop. Raspberries need replacing as the wrong varieties were supplied.</li> <li>Weeding is required in the two main outdoor beds. HM to work with Julie to bring these up to date.</li> <li>Crows are eating the orchard apples and plums.</li> <li>All other areas are flowering and growing well.</li> <li>An autumn/winter jobs list will be created, including work that could potentially be outsourced as paid work.</li> <li>The proposed timeline and cost for ivy removal will be passed to RHCC to progress. The preference is for work to begin in</li> </ul> | <p>HM</p> <p>HM</p> <p>SL/ALL</p>              |

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|            | <p>December, allowing bees to make use of the ivy beforehand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is considerable scope to build on this year's progress. Produce quality has been very good, with everything placed on the stall selling.</li> <li>• The potential of the flower production has not yet been fully explored.</li> <li>• Blackcurrant bushes in the fruit cage will be reduced to six.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                | DB |
| Finance    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An updated financial snapshot was reviewed. Spending is on track and the garden has sufficient reserves to continue progressing its plans.</li> <li>• HM to follow up on opening new savings and bank accounts, as well as local credit accounts.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | HM |
| Next Steps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quotes are required for the first stage of project works: levelling the outside area, gate and opening, signage, and gravel and edging for the main pathway. These will be progressed once pre-planning is received.</li> <li>• DB to investigate options for asbestos removal, as obtaining a quotation has proved difficult.</li> <li>• <b>Electricity:</b> There is no charge for meter installation. However, the group has been advised to wait until next year, when more tariffs may be available without a standing</li> </ul> | DB |

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|                | <p>charge, as the supply will not be used year-round.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An event will be held in the hall to discuss the garden with the community and gather feedback. This will be followed by an electronic survey, where possible, to update residents on the garden's current position, discuss key issues and help inform next steps.</li> </ul> | TS/HM                            |
| Correspondence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TS has responded to emails from the Conservation Architect and glasshouse manufacturer.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                  |
| Get Growing    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No events have taken place, the plot is not being maintained, although some produce is growing.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                  |
| Marketing      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Newsletter:</b> Draft completed; TS to circulate for approval.</li> <li>• <b>Bags:</b> TS to finalise arrangements with the embroiderer on Skye.</li> <li>• <b>History Portfolio:</b> Work ongoing.</li> <li>• <b>Social Media:</b> Positive engagement continues, with an increase in followers.</li> </ul>                          | <p>TS</p> <p>TS</p> <p>HM/TS</p> |
| Events         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Distillery has requested produce for its whisky festival. Further details are awaited.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                  |
| AOB            | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                  |

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| DONM | 8th October 2026 - 7 pm @ The Farmhouse |  |
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Proposed: TS

Second: DB