Jacky Stennett (**JS**) Chair, Dave Stennett (**DS**) Treasurer, Dave Wignall, Peter Eccles, Sarah Mather, John Horn, Gail Blackburn, Geoff Brayshaw, Derrick Walls, Joanne Proctor, Bernie & Albert O’Hara, Albert Mottershead, Michelle Swarbrick, Phyllis Duffy, Liz Westhead.

**JS** opened the meeting at 13:00hrs and welcomed all.

**Apologies**

Alan & Beverly Craven, Alan Westhead, Anthony Evans, Isabel Horn, Christine & Alison Penistone, Dianne Tew & Chris Thompson, Jane & Shaun Keene, Stuart Gibson, Jon Baugh

With the resignation of our secretary, there was a request for someone to cover the post until the AGM. There has been no rush of volunteers. The remainder of the committee have temporarily taken on some of the secretary’s roles, but are hopeful someone will come forward… please!

**Minutes of previous meeting** 29/05/16 There may have been some names missing from the list of attendees, as their signatures on the sheet were unclear and without their plot numbers. JS apologised for this and requested that on signing in, plot numbers are included.

The minutes were accepted by the meeting.

**Matters arising** from previous meeting

The solar power supply – The lights and sockets are ‘up and running’. There is an issue with a relay, and Neil has taken it away for further testing.

An estimated cost, given by Neil last September, was £1810.

The cost of the ‘Solar Power’ equipment came in at £1709.86.

But there were additional costs. Trunking, sockets, timber, safety switches & ‘future proofing’ the system, which increased the overall cost to £2630.

DS pointed out that an estimate for a power supply (cable into the tearoom and a meter) from Norweb dated July 2014 was for £2496.41. For a little more than that, we now have all the fittings and sockets in place, and no standing charges or ongoing.

After a brief discussion, the meeting expressed thanks to Neil for all his work (80+ hours on this project) and that we now have ‘free’ power available that allows members to charge their phones or equipment.

Toilet – We have not yet heard back from WooWoo, but we did specify that remedial work could not commence until after our Open Day. JS proposed that the Toilet be now opened as WooWoo had agreed that if needed, they would pay for the toilet to be pumped out. The meeting was relieved to hear this news.

Questions were asked if we had heard from the company and as to the delay. DS replied that the toilet was 7years old and WooWoo were making enquiries with their installation team. DS agreed to urge progress with WooWoo.

The Dyke. JS had contacted the council. They were no longer called dykes, they are water courses. The Parks team are no longer responsible for water courses; they are now the responsibility of the Council’s ‘Network Management Team’.

JS’s request has been passed on to their manager – Will Britain. JS had also been in touch with David’s Slack allotments, which have a more extensive water course system with problems, and they have been waiting 3 years for action. Although they did report that someone came to look at the water courses and promised to return in October/November as wild life (frogs) were currently still active.

Car Parking. At the last meeting a discussion took place on the best way to mark out the car park. This was deemed required due to some inconsiderate parking of cars. Suggestions included:-

Logs – Health & safety issues – trips and falls it would also cause problems for deliveries.

Paint lines/burn grass – these would fade/grow away or removed when grass cut.

It was then suggested that a sign be tried. JS agreed to organise.

**Chairperson’s report**

Two stalls have been held this month on behalf of the Association.

‘Friends of Kingscote Park’ ‘Companionship Dog Show’ on the 05 June 2016 to sell items grown at the allotment. £136.40 was raised and a £10 donation to ‘Friends of Kingscote Park’

A second stall was on 25th June at Layton School and £75 was raised for the Association.

Thanks to all those involved for erecting the marquees, the produce and manning the stalls.

**Site Report**

Unfortunately, new tenant Kevin on plot 22 has had to give up his plot on medical advice.

Dave W is attempting to find new tenants.

Plot 35a & b New tenants have taken over. Unfortunately, the previous tenant had left a lot of rubbish. The wood has been taken off and stored for bonfire night, but there was a lot of other material left. The ‘man and van’ was contacted but he advised it would be cheaper to get a skip. Peter E organised for a skip to be delivered and thanks to the ‘skip fairies’ (Richard, Derek & Linda) the plot was emptied and the skip filled. It has cost the Association £170.

This is an ongoing problem – the Federation charge new plot holders a £50 deposit, returnable if the plot is left ‘clean’.

It was suggested that during ‘plot inspections’, the plot is monitored for the build-up of rubbish.

A discussion ensued and non-specific examples of rubbish build-up were given.

JS agreed that this would be monitored on plot inspections.

JS reported that a number of small thefts have taken place – water tap connectors, pieces of timber for cold frame, galvanised watering can, spade. A check has been made of the perimeter of the site and found to be OK. JS urged everyone to be vigilant and where possible ensure items are locked away.

**Secretary’s Report**

No secretary in place to report.

**Treasurer’s Report**

DS distributed his monthly report.

Parts had been purchased for one of the machines £71.97. Key refund (plot 22), site maintenance £170 (skip hire), donation (Kingscote park). Misc £25 – Associations’ books audited.

The auditor suggested a couple of improvements and his ‘sign off’ will be put on the notice board. Any member is welcomed to inspect the accounts on request.

**AOB**

Last month a member vote took place. The way our constitution is written, it seemed to discriminate against those that had only one named person on their ‘plot’. A check with David’s Slack Association, they operated ‘one plot, one vote’. Following a discussion with arguments from both sides, the meeting agreed to leave the current arrangements in place.

Help needed in clearing main car park - midden, road burnings - needed for Open Day

Hedge at front requires trimming.

If you can help – then please let the committee know or please ‘just do it’.

JS closed the meeting at 13:50hrs

**Next meeting – Saturday 6th August 2016 at 1pm in the tea-room**