WEARSIDE-SMALLHOLDERS

(website: shieldsroadallotments.info)

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 16th May 2026

ATTENDED BY: Mr I. Hornsey;; Mr P. Hutchinson; Mrs. L. Smith; Mr S. Palmer; Mrs J. Palmer; Mr. J. Hornsey; Mr P. Larcombe

APOLOGIES: Mr J. Smurthwaite; Ms G. Clifford

1. Minutes of previous meeting approved any matters below. Minutes to be published.
2. Correspondence. Addressed in Business.
3. Finances – Monies as in the bank.

4. **Business**

4.1 **Entrance car park.** The option for remedial work to be carried out by the Council is not suitable, as the work will not be guaranteed. An alternative involving completion of the work by an on-site team will be put to the AGM after discussion with David McGregor. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**.

4.2 **Interior car park by container.** Committee now considering carrying out the work with an on-site team plus volunteers and hiring necessary equipment as contractors are not interested. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**.

4.3 **Plot numbering.** Sourcing and pricing for new plot numbers is being undertaken, prior to renewal. **(Action: S. Palmer/J. Palmer)**

4.4 **Gas warning.** Following an on-site incident which required the fire brigade, and a discussion with them afterwards – it will be necessary to monitor plots where gas containers are stored. This should be declared to the committee for an ongoing record to be kept. Gardens where gas containers are stored will then be indicated with a symbol attached near the plot number. These measures will help protect fire fighters. Sources and prices for a suitable warning symbol are being investigated, **(Action: S. Palmer/J.Palmer)**

4.5 **CCTV**. Site prepared and ready to sintall. (**Action: J.Hornsey/I.Hornsey)**

4.6 **Noticeboard**. A new noticeboard is to be purchased and erected opposite the existing noticeboard. The new board will carry the news information etc. The old board will be used to display the new site rules.

Date of Next Meeting: TBA June