

**Motions on behalf of WAA North for the Annual General Meeting  
of Witney Allotment Association on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Background**

At the 2025 AGM, members approved a change in the structure of Witney Allotment Association by creating a Committee of Management and two site committees – WAA Lakeside and WAA North (comprising of Hailey Road, Newland and Windrush Place).

The current make-up of the Committee of Management does not democratically represent the plot holders of WAA North. The current Committee of Management is made up of five committee members, two co-chairs, two co-secretaries and a treasurer. Three committee members are plot holders from WAA Lakeside while only two are from WAA North - Lakeside have approximately 95 members and WAA North have around 160 members.

**Proposals**

WAA North would like to propose a change to the Constitution to allow for each committee to have its own treasurer, with a new WAA North Treasurer working alongside the WAA Treasurer and attending Committee of Management meetings, thus providing a fairer representation on the Committee of Management. This change would also work towards giving each committee financial autonomy for their own site(s).

This proposal is not a split of the Witney Allotment Association, but is following what has already been agreed in the Constitution – that two committees run alongside one another as has been put in place during the past year. The natural progression from this is that each committee should eventually take responsibility for their own finances. Indeed Clause 31 of the Constitution already appears to provide the authority for this to happen, with two of five authorised signatures from the Committee of Management being able to authorise payments from the bank account.

Neither committee will be leaving Witney Allotment Association, but will be continuing to operate within the framework of Witney Allotment Association.

It is recognised that time would be needed for the Committee of Management to agree a formula for how to fairly share out the funds currently in the Witney Allotment Association account between the two committees. This could be worked upon at subsequent Committee of Management meetings ready to be approved by members at the next AGM or a Special General Meeting.

To safeguard the funds of all sites, it is also proposed that until the new financial structure is finalised, no site will spend more than the amount they receive in rent for 2026 / 27, less any payments to third parties such as water bills. This will be a temporary measure that will be withdrawn once the terms of the financial separation have been agreed and both bank accounts are operational.

**Further details**

To implement these motions, the following amendments to the Constitution are proposed:-

All references to HNW are replaced with WAA North

Clause 14 (e) - replaced with “Co-Treasurer (Hailey Road, Newland, Windrush Place)”

Addition of Clause 14 (f) insert “Co-Treasurer (Lakeside)”

Clause 15 – delete the words “except for the treasurer”

Clause 18 (a) – Delete

Clause 18 (b) – add “Co-Treasurers” after Co-Secretaries and renumber clause to 18 (a)

Clause 18 (c) changed to 18 (b)

Some further minor amendments may be necessary to accommodate these changes.

## **MOTION 1**

For the Witney Allotment Association (WAA) to formally recognise the two site committees:

1. WAA Lakeside
2. WAA North, which is responsible for Hailey Road, Newland and Windrush Place. This is currently referred to as HNW in the Constitution.

For the Constitution to be amended to reflect the above committee titles.

For both committees to have their own Treasurer to financially manage and operate their sites independently within the framework of Witney Allotment Association.

**Proposer** R Bourget  
WAA Co-Chair

**Seconded** D Newsham  
WAA North Secretary

**Dated** 2nd April 2026

## **MOTION 2**

To safeguard and protect the finances of all sites, the following proposal is made.

No allotment site will spend more than it receives in rents for the 2026 / 27 season, not including standing charges to third parties, until the financial settlement has been agreed by the two site committees,

This motion will remain in place from the date of the AGM (12th April 2026) until the 2027 AGM or until the terms of the financial separation have been agreed and both bank accounts are operational, whichever shall be the soonest.

Once the two committees separate financially, Motion 2 will be withdrawn. This Motion will not affect the Constitution as it stands, but is a temporary measure to protect the funds of all sites.

**Proposer**     R Bourget  
                    WAA Co-Chair

**Seconded**    D Newsham  
                    WAA North Secretary

**Dated**            2nd April 2026