

The Poor's Allotments & Recreation Ground Charities

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Minutes of a Trust meeting for The Poor's Allotments & Recreation Ground Charities on Tuesday 27.1.2026 at 8.35pm in the Committee Room of Acland Memorial Hall, Cold Ash

Present: CAPC Councillors McArdle (IM/Chair), Murray (PM/Vice-Chair), Maini (VM), Codling (HC), Clark (BC) and Silsby (DS)

Absent: Councillors Adams (PA), Hanks (RH), Riley (JR), Pemberton (JP)

1 Apologies for Absence

NOTED apologies for absence from Councillors Adams (PA), Hanks (RH), Riley (JR), Pemberton (JP).

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes

RESOLVED to APPROVE minutes of the 25.11.2025 meeting.

4 Hermitage Road

B – Car Park

REVIEWED photographs showing the condition of the car park surface and agreed that repairs are needed.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotes for future consideration.

C – Tennis Club

Considered renewal of the Club's Pavilion tenancy agreement. Concerns were raised that the current agreement is very minimal and does not reflect previous Trust discussions about increased community access to the courts.

Discussion included suggested additional wording covering public benefit, options review (e.g. coded access, supervised community sessions, pay-and-play), and consequences if progress is not made.

DEFERRED approval pending further review and amendments

ACTION: PM to draft revised wording for circulation.

5 Cold Ash Countryside Volunteers

A – IM reported on the continued work at St Finian's (hedge-laying and 150–200 trees planted), ongoing projects with the church and WAG, and pending removal of a yew tree (faculty approved).

B RESOLVED to approve up to £500 from the WAG maintenance budget to replace end-of-life donated tools to support an increased number of volunteers.

C RESOLVED to approve £270 from the WAG maintenance budget for The Ridge lay-by at the top of the WAG after repeated problems with mud and leaf mulch.

6 Questions & Reports

DS reported from Acland Memorial Hall Management Committee: the roof continues to leak despite repeated repairs, and there are structural concerns around the front wall/brickwork highlighted by engineers. In response to a query, it was noted that it is common for parish councils to pay normal hire charges for meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.36pm

Chair

Date