

BRIMPSFIELD & MID-COTSWOLD GARDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on 27th January 2026 at Mayhem, Brimpsfield; rescheduled from 13th December

Present: Judith Cheyney, Frances Ellery, Roger Lock, Catherine Morris, Martin Phillips

1. Apologies

None.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous (2nd December 2025) meeting were approved; matters arising would be discussed under the agenda headings.

3. Treasurer's Report

Martin Phillips had prepared the Society's accounts (as they currently stood) ahead of the AGM and presented these to the meeting. Essentially the Society was financially healthy. There was a discussion about what, if anything, we might do differently if we increased the membership subscription but no conclusion was reached.

4. Coffee Morning 7th February

Arrangements for the next coffee morning were discussed. (Post-meeting note: The scheduled speaker subsequently turned out to be unable to attend and a speaker from the Gloucestershire Local History list was booked at short notice to talk about 'How we fell in love with caffeine': implementing Martin Phillips's suggestion at this meeting that we broaden our range of talks to attract members.)

5. Coffee Morning 7th March

All the committee members except for Martin Phillips were unavailable for this event; Martin would introduce the speaker etc, with Iris Phillips doing the raffle and Jane Parsons the coffees.

6. April AGM – 11th April

Arrangements for the AGM lunch were discussed; it was agreed not to cap numbers for the lunch (unless they turned out to be completely unfeasible). Roger Lock would mastermind the catering. There would be a vote at the meeting on the charity to be supported for the next two years; Judith Cheyney would ask members for ideas at the next coffee morning.

7. Summer Outing

The local list of National Gardens Scheme gardens open for group visits had been issued; committee members would consider the options (ie the two new gardens) and a decision would be taken later.

ACTION: ALL

8. Further thoughts for summer event

Frances Ellery suggested a treasure hunt around the village – optionally into selected village gardens as well as in public spaces – ending with a cream tea in the hall. She suggested a date in early July. It was agreed that the event would be free, and would be advertised in local villages. All committee members to think of potential clues. **ACTION: ALL**

9. Further thoughts on categories for Annual Show

A meeting of the Show Committee would be held in the coming week.

10. AOB

Roger Lock briefed the meeting about the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's survey of Brimpsfield Common as part of their Common Land plan. He suggested that the Society might hold a coffee morning with their representative to collect views from residents of Brimpsfield.

Frances Ellery reminded the meeting that we needed to set a date for the Plant Sale; this was agreed as 9th May.

11. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting would be on Thursday 26th March 2026 at Mayhem.