

BRICKHILL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Allotments & Open Spaces Committee held on Wednesday 28th February at St Marks Church, Calder Rise, Brickhill

Present: Cllrs Holloway, Fitzpatrick, Retout and the Assistant Clerk. In addition, there was 1 member of the public.

1	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Ann Reeve.</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of acceptance of interest in items on the agenda</p> <p>None</p>	
4	<p>Public Open Session</p> <p>The contractors' vehicles from the housing development off Brickhill Drive are obstructing the roadway on Fosters Brow. The verges have also been churned up by their vehicles. What action is the Borough taking? <i>The Parish Council and Borough Council are aware of the damage and that the contractors are parking along Fosters Brow. Once the development is completed then the verges will be repaired at the expense of the developers.</i></p>	
5	<p>To confirm minutes from meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2017. It was resolved to accept the minutes.</p>	Assistant Clerk
6	<p>To receive a report on the management of Brickhill Allotments to include:</p> <p>Risk Assessment –it was resolved to adopt the risk assessment. The item on non-return valves would be considered at the May meeting.</p> <p>The spend against budget was noted – two plots require clearance, and this will take several days and require a skip. The parish council are unable to recover any costs incurred as sadly the tenant had passed away.</p> <p>It was noted that the water would be switched on from 1st April and the annual renewals would be sent out at the end of March.</p> <p>There were no other matters for consideration.</p>	Assistant Clerk
7	<p>To receive a report on the management of Waveney Green to include:</p> <p><u>Current spend against budget</u></p> <p>Projected year-end spend for pitch marking is over budget as this includes payment for the invoice relating to 2016-17 which was not presented until the current financial year.</p> <p>Footpath repairs budget for £5,000 would not be spent until after 31 March and it was resolved to add this amount to next year's budget.</p>	

	<p>Members asked if the salaries reflected the current Beds BC living wage. <i>Brickhill PC had passed a resolution to ensure staff were paid the living wage however, it was agreed that the Clerk would check with payroll that any future increases are included.</i></p> <p>Two quotes had been provided for the footpath repairs and the new footpath from Francis Groves Close to join the existing path. It was resolved to instruct Phoenix Surfacing to carry out the work. Both projects would be carried out at the same time which would mean an additional 5% saving on costs.</p> <p>Members approved the rubber mulch surfacing under the pendulum swing on Waveney Green and this will be installed at the same time as the new green gym installation on Woodlands Park.</p> <p>There were no other matters for consideration.</p>	
8	<p>Date of next meeting: 16th May 2018</p>	

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Approved by Chairman
16th May 2018