

BRICKHILL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Allotments & Open Spaces Committee held on Wednesday 1 March at St Marks Church, Calder Rise, Brickhill

Present: Cllrs Bowler, Koch, Reeve and the Assistant Clerk. In addition there was 1 member of the public.

1	Apologies for absence Cllr Holloway had sent apologies – it was resolved to accept the apologies.	
2	Declarations of acceptance of interest in items on the agenda None	
3	Public Open Session There were no questions	
4	To confirm minutes from meeting held on 24th November 2016. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.	Assistant Clerk
5	To receive a report on the management of Brickhill Allotments A written report had been circulated to all members of the committee. Currently there are 8 vacant plots, 4 of which had become vacant due to notices to quit being served due to non-payment and non-cultivation. Members considered how best to promote the allotments and encourage new tenants. It was resolved to hold an open morning at the Allotments and this could be combined with the judging for the Allotment gardening competition. This should take place at the end of June/early July when the allotments are looking their best. Notices should be displayed on the gates to advise tenants when the judging will take place. It was noted that a skip would be on site on Saturday 11 March. Members had been asked to consider paying for a turning circle at the far end of the roadway closest to plot 80 and the Wildflower Meadow. It was resolved to leave this matter for consideration later in the new financial year once the annual rents had been collected and there was a clearer picture of the spend against budget for the allotments. It was resolved to fund roadway repairs for the stretch of road on the approach to the allotments on Fosters Brow. The cost would be £2338.58 + VAT and paid for out of reserves. It was noted that this year there would be an underspend on the general maintenance heading. Rent collected this year was lower due to altering the renewal date for 6 months only from 1 October. However, rental income is also lower due to a large turnover of tenancies this year. Yearly renewals will run from the 1 st April – 31 st March going forward to bring the allotments budget in line with the parish councils accounting system.	Assistant Clerk
6	6) To receive a report on the management of Waveney Green including spend against budget for 2016-17 A report had been circulated by email to all members of the committee. Bedford Borough Council have confirmed the whole of Waveney Green is covered under the Borough wide order relating to dog fouling. We have put up a further 6 Borough signs warning members of the public that anyone caught failing to clear	

