

BRICKHILL

PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of a Meeting of the Allotment & Open Spaces Committee held on Wednesday 12th November at 7.30pm in the Wren Room at St Mark's Church and Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill, Bedford.

Present:

Cllrs Holloway, Cllr Grant, Fitzpatrick, Assistant Clerk (Mrs C Tyrrell) and 6 members of the public were in attendance.

Absent:

None.

Summary of the meeting: -

Table 1- Minutes

| Item | Description | Action By |
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| 1. | Apologies for Absence: None. | |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None. | |
| 3. | Public Open Sessions (10 minutes): A member of the public brought up the issue of break ins and theft at the allotments. All theft should be reported to the police by the person effected and reported also to the Allotment Officer to collate. The information will then be passed to the local PSO. A member of the public asked why the concession charge for the over 60 was being removed from next year. This was agreed at the last meeting and that the allotments cost the Parish Council a lot of money and the rent does not go halfway to breaking even. | |
| 4. | To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2025 The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting. | |

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| 5. | <p>To receive a report on the management of Brickhill Allotments to include:</p> <p>a) To note current spend against budget:</p> <p>The Assistant Clerk had e-mailed out spend against budget on separate sheet and stated that the key deposit has increased to £20.00</p> <p>b) An update on the general management of the site since the last meeting:</p> <p>i) <u>Waiting list:</u></p> <p>There are currently 17 Brickhill residents waiting for either a full or half plot and 67 non-residents wanting a full or half plot. The Assistant Clerk is not adding any names to the non-resident list at the moment.</p> <p>No vacant plots at the moment</p> <p>ii) <u>Thefts from the allotments:</u></p> <p>The Allotment Officer to look at the gaps in the fence and ask for working parties</p> <p>c) Any other business</p> | Allotment Officer |
| 6. | <p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 18th February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Wren Room at St Mark's Church and Community Centre.</p> | |

Approved and signed by

Chairman

12th November 2025