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Minutes of a Meeting of the Allotment & Open Spaces Committee held on Wednesday 11th February 2026 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 3 members of the public were in attendance.

Absent:

None.

Summary of the meeting: -

Table 1- Minutes

Item	Description	Action By
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 informed the committee that there are rat nests on plot 198 and it is Brickhill Parish Council responsibility to contact pest control.	Assistant Clerk
4.	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2025 The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.	
5.	To receive a report on the management of Brickhill Allotments to include: a) To note current spend against budget:	

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	The Assistant Clerk had e-mailed out spend against budget on separate sheet. Main points being the water charges being a lot higher than budget (nearly double) and allotment keys now costing £20 each. b) An update on the general management of the site since the last meeting: i) <u>Waiting list:</u> There are currently 15 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. ii) <u>No vacant plots at the moment</u> c) Any other business The committee had a walk around the site today and there was a lot of rubbish around the fence line. It was suggested for a working group to be formed to collect the rubbish and have a good tidy up. Notice to be put up asking for volunteers. Defensive planting was also discussed around the fence by the walkway and at the back gate. The condition of the track running from the first gate to the back gate was discussed and the bigger holes need to be filled in. It was suggested using Type 1 and forming a working party to help with laying the Type 1.	Assistant Clerk Assistant Clerk
6.	Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 7.30pm in the Wren Room at St Mark's Church and Community Centre.	

Approved and signed by Chairman

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