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Minutes of a Meeting of the Allotment & Open Spaces Committee held on Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 7.30pm in the Biffa 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 8 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): The general condition of the allotments was discussed, and it was decided that the Assistant Clerk would send out a regular newsletter to inform tenants of any news and updates. Beehives to be relocated to the bottom corner of the allotments (near the orchard). One of the tenants has been spending a lot of time fixing water leaks and general maintenance at the allotments. The committee expressed their sincere thanks.	Assistant Clerk

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4.	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2026 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: The Assistant Clerk had e-mailed out spend against budget on separate sheet. Main points being the water charges being £4227 and £1800 was budgeted. This could be because of two major water leaks over the year. Assistant Clerk to take regular water meter readings. b) An update on the general management of the site since the last meeting: i) <u>Waiting list:</u> There are currently 8 Brickhill residents waiting for a full and 0 Brickhill residents waiting for a 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) 3 vacant plots at the moment c) Any other business The pest controller has now concluded his visits and advised that sheds need to be kept clean and tidy. It was suggested to buy four tonnes of type 1 and ask for volunteers to help lay the Type 1. It was suggested for the gardeners handbook to be reviewed and updated if needed. One of the tenants brought up her concerns regarding unworked plots and this was discussed. Assistant Clerk to make sure unworked plots are being contacted.	Assistant Clerk Assistant Clerk

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Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 8th July at 7.30pm in the Wren Room at St Mark's Church and Community Centre.

Approved and signed by

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Chairman

6th May 2026