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PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of a Meeting of the Allotment & Open Spaces Committee held on Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7.30pm in the Wren Room at St Mark's Church and Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill, Bedford.

Present:

Cllr Grant, Fitzpatrick, Testa, Assistant Clerk (Mrs C Tyrrell) and 13 members of the public were in attendance.

Absent:

None.

It was noted the resignation of Mr Vincent Holloway.

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 committee gave its thanks to two members of the public for fixing the allotment taps. One tenant asked the position of Domenico Celia in relation to the allotments. Cllr Grant replied that the allotment site in general requires certain amount of maintenance over and above the tenants volunteering e.g. fencing, trimming, burning back, fixing paths etc. and Domenico has offered to help with this. Dominico is doing work on behalf of Brickhill Parish Council.	

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	This lead on to a discussion and it was agreed any big jobs or anything over and beyond what volunteers are expected to do, then Domenico or another contractor will be asked to do the paid job. Assistant Clerk informed the committee that the beehives are in the process of being relocated to the bottom of the allotments away from plots. Chickens were brought up regarding the issue with rats, being attracted to them and composts. Assistant Clerk to highlight this issue in the next newsletter. One of the tenants explained that she has 11 chickens. She advised that she has 4 chickens of her own and 2 other tenants have their chickens on her plot. Cockrel's are not allowed on the plot. One of the tenants advised tenants keeping chickens need to register them with The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).	Assistant Clerk
4.	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 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. She advised that 6 rents were outstanding. b) An update on the general management of the site since the last meeting: i) <u>Waiting list:</u> There are currently 11 Brickhill residents waiting for a full plot and no 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.	

Approved and signed by

8th July 2026