

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge

Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting
Held on the 2nd October 2021
At the Thrapston Road Allotments, Brampton

Present: Mike Bainbridge JMB, Elizabeth Ruston, ER, Nigel Maggs, NM, Linda Hicks, LH,
Kathryn Hornett, KH

1. Receive Apologies

2.1 JMB reported that Catriona French has resigned from Allotments committee.
Otherwise, all present.

2. Declarations of Interests

2.1 NM allotment holder at Thrapston Road

3. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th Jul 2021

Proposal: Approve Minutes – 1st JMB, 2nd NM **Carried**

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

4.1 Any items will be covered in the items below.

5. General Update

5.1 JMB stated Catriona would not be replaced, and it would wait until elections in 2022.

5.2 Happy with hedge trimming done by grounds men, as requested at last meeting.

5.3 JMB reported that the Brampton Park allotments are due to be handed over on Monday.

5.4 A skip will need to be ordered for Easter weekend 2022 – to be made agenda item at next meeting.

6. Health & Safety

6.1 JMB to complete Health & Safety walk around before next growing season, to include quality of fencing etc.

7. Income and Expenditure

8. 22/23 Budget Requirements

8.1 JMB to meet with Tess and Kathryn to discuss budget requirements.

9. Rent Review

9.1 Rent increase to be kept as is for time being, due to ongoing pandemic.

10. Waiting Lists

10.1 Thrapston Road Allotments – There is a large waiting list, currently 34.

10.2 Brampton Park Allotments – There is a large waiting list for Brampton Park,

already 53 interested. Those in the first 19 have begun to be contacted to confirm interest.

11. Brampton Park Allotments Update

- 11.1 As mentioned at 5.3, keys to Brampton Park Allotments due to be handed over to JMB at 3pm on Monday 4th October.
- 11.2 Spare lock is to be needed for Brampton Park plots, in case broken and a replacement is needed immediately.
- 11.3 Fence needs replacing – ER brought attention to more secure fence to be needed. NM agreed and offered to look into quotes for high security fencing. Needs to be 1.8m high steel palisade-style fencing, so can still into plots.
- 11.4 It was suggested higher security to be needed at Brampton Park, due to its' positioning, but will see how things go to start.
- 11.5 JMB stated plot numbers to be drawn out of a hat for each tenant – if tenant not happy with plot number given, number to be returned to hat and name to be removed from waiting list.
- 11.6 There is a worry amongst waiting list tenants regarding security of the plots.
- 11.7 Current fence to be fixed before land to be transferred.

12. Other items for Consideration

- 12.1 6b polytunnel has been applied for, approved and erected. Not too big, looks tidy.

13. Consider untidy/overgrown plots

- 13.1 18 much improved, happy for tenant to continue
 - 13.2 Tenants to be contacted for a 2nd time due to overgrown or untidy plots: 12b, 14a & 33a
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 - 13.4 Tenants already agreed to give up plots: 32b & 19
 - 13.5 22 - letter to advise tree at front of plot needs removing
 - 13.6 28 - letter to ask tenant if using all plot, should be at least 80% cultivated
 - 13.7 36a – waiting to hear back from co-allotment holder to take over the plot, once weeded and rotavated
 - 13.8 Hedge next to 1a needs cutting, letter to be sent to tenant to advise maintenance to the hedge
14. Next meeting TBC – possibly meet at Brampton Park Allotments? Once taken over meetings to be held at both plots.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: