

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge

Minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting held on the **12th February 2022** at the
Thrapston Road and Brampton Park Allotments, Brampton

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

1. Receive Apologies

2.1 None.

2. Declarations of Interests

2.1 NM allotment holder at Thrapston Road

3. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd Oct 2021

3.1 Approved at October Parish Council Meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

4.1 Any items will be covered in the items below.

5. Income & Expenditure

5.1 KH reported that all tenants had now paid their annual rent for the year 2021-22 and 1 plot awaiting confirmation of tenancy at Brampton Park.

6. General Update

6.1 Brampton Park Allotments now open, committee to attend once finished at Thrapston Road.

6.2 JMB proposed, due to the meeting being so early in the year, that it would be unfair to judge plots on being untidy and this would be considered at the next meeting. ER, NM & LH agreed to accept.

6.3 JMB said the next meeting is due in June but believed that was too far away, so proposed to bring that meeting forward to May. ER, NM & LH agreed to accept – date to be agreed.

7. Waiting Lists

7.1 Thrapston Road Allotments – currently 15.

7.2 Brampton Park Allotments – currently 17.

8. Thrapston Road Allotments

8.1 To consider reinstating the hole in the hedge by the entrance, to allow pedestrian access

NM said that if it was something they were to consider, the ground would need leveling and any safety concerns looking at as was a potential trip hazard.

JMB suggested that it was unnecessary as the gate was never locked and easily accessible.

NM suggested that in the future when the gate needs replacing, this could be considered.

JMB proposed to keep the entrance as it is, NM, LR & LH agreed to accept.

- 8.2 To consider the hiring of a skip over Easter weekend
JMB proposed the hire of a large skip over the weekend, NM, LR & LH agreed to accept.
- 8.3 To consider keeping the water on throughout the Winter
KH reported that since the agenda for the meeting had been circulated, a tenant at the Brampton Park site had also asked for the committee to consider.
JMB said there was a lot of potential for harm and damage, due to freezing/bursting pipes etc.
JMB proposed to keep water turned off during the Winter; NM, LR & LH agreed to accept.

9. Brampton Park Allotments

- 9.1 Drainage Issue
Quote received from T&S Gardening & Grounds Maintenance.
Someone recommended by LR coming out on 21st Feb to assess and quote.
Committee members agreed you could see the effects of the waterlog and could see standing water.
To be looked at again once second quote received.
- 9.2 To discuss if new fencing is still required
JMB said the whips have been replaced and replanted on the outside of the front fence line, which should give some coverage but suggested that we don't allow them to get too big so there is still visibility into the site.
NM proposed we wait and see how it goes, now the site is open, and perhaps revisit in the Summer, if necessary; JMB, LR & LH agreed to accept.

10. Other items for Consideration

- 10.1 Whilst on-site at Brampton Park the committee met one of the new tenants who requested for the consideration of a second standpipe – it was agreed this would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

13. Consider untidy/overgrown plots

- 13.1 It was agreed these would be discussed at the next meeting.

14. Next meeting date

- 14.1 Currently booked in for Monday 13th June but agreed to be brought forward to May, date to be confirmed.
(note following meeting: date agreed as Wednesday 25th May at 7pm)

Signed:
Chairman

Date: