

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: John Michael Bainbridge

Minutes of the **Allotments Committee** meeting held on
Saturday 15th October at 9am, at the Thrapston Road Allotments, followed by the Brampton Park Allotments.

Present: Mike Bainbridge, chairman, (JMB), Nigel Maggs, (NM), Liz Ruston, (LR), Margaret Footner (MF)

In attendance: Kathryn Hornett, Assistant (KH), Mr Bernard Boardman, Tenant (BB)

1. Receive Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

NM as tenant of allotment 37A

3. Receive and Approve Minutes of meeting held 25th May 2022

The minutes had been accepted at the full Parish Council meeting held on the 22nd June therefore were taken as read.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

5. General Update

5.1 JMB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

5.2 It was discussed that as we are coming up to the Winter months, this is usually the time of year that the water is turned off however it was agreed that the water would not be turned off until it was absolutely necessary. BB suggested installing a large water butt to be used by tenants over the Winter months, if the committee choose to turn off the water and the committee agreed to see how the next several months went and if it was a requirement.

5.3 JMB proposed to keep the annual rent at £35 for another year, due to the current climate. All were in agreement.

5.4 It was requested that the hedge at the front of the Thrapston Road Allotments be trimmed by the groundsmen, top and sides.

5.5 BB requested that the committee consider splitting plots in half, to aid with the waiting list and due to the size as he believed many were not being utilized. JMB explained that it had been done in the past but we then struggled to re-let the smaller plots. A short discussion was had and it was decided that a letter would be sent out alongside the tenancy renewal letters, before 1st November, to enquire if current tenants would be interested in splitting their plots, at both Thrapston Road and Brampton Park.

6. Waiting list

6.1 Thrapston Road – 28 on list

6.2 Brampton Park – 28 on list

7. Thrapston Road Allotments

7.1 Consider untidy/overgrown plots

There were 8 plots of whose tenants will require letters suggesting they be tidied up.

7.2 Whilst touring the plots it was discussed and agreed that the Allotment Awards would be brought back for 2023, as these had been put on hold during the pandemic.

7.3 It was requested for grounds men to cut the sides of the main path between the plots.

8. Brampton Park Allotments

8.1 Drainage issue – Update

KH explained that contractors were due out to complete works on 28th September but were unable to attend and have postponed the works until 28th November.

8.2 To consider security of allotment boundary

KH explained issues the site had been having with regards to security and reports of children climbing over the boundary to retrieve footballs etc. The top of the new gate has been painted with anti-climb paint in hopes it will deter this, as this is where we believe children are accessing the site. It was agreed that we would monitor the situation.

8.3 Consider untidy/overgrown plots

It was agreed, when touring the site, to install plot numbers as it was difficult for the committee to differentiate between plots.

There were 2 plots of whose tenants will require letters suggesting they be tidied up.

9. Other items for consideration

None.

10. Next meeting date – To be confirmed.

The meeting was closed at 10.30am

Signed:
Chairman

Date: