# **Minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting of Perton Parish Council**

# **Held at Perton Civic Centre Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 5pm**

## **Present:**

Councillors – Mrs S Beardsmore, P Davis (Chairman), C Evans, Mrs R Heseltine

Residents - Mrs S Horrobin, J Powell & R Snape

1 Member of the public

Other: Mrs B Hodgetts (Parish Clerk)

The committee met at the allotment site at 5pm and noted any issues

## A10/24 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr K Elder

## A11/24 - DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declaration of disclosable pecuniary and other interests received.

## A12/24 - MINUTES OF MEETING

**Resolved** that the minutes of the allotment meeting held on 29th May 2024 having previously been distributed, were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

## A13/24 –ALLOTMENT REPORT

* Plot 21 re allocated
* Stab pack available in toilet building
* Notice board installed
* Parish Council agreed to go for Green Flag award next year
* Speaker booked for Friday 13th September at 7.30pm
* 14 residents on the waiting list
* Skip has been removed from site
* Suggestion box available in toilet building
* Tenants emailed to remind them to take all waste off the site
* Parish Council agree hiring rotovator and creating a further two plots along hedge line
* Defib purchased just waiting for the Golf Club to come back to us regarding fitting

## A14/24 – SITE

1. Management of site: Various issues were discussed at the site visit

Some issues included plots not being cultivated, water supply, paths.

The bay with manure in has two broken gravel boards. Fairways contractors will repair for £450. **Resolved** that gravel boards be used from the existing bays.

Use of compost bays and signage was discussed. **Resolved** the first two bays should be for bark chippings only and the third for Manure.

Plot holders to be asked not to block the bays when parking. This will allow for further deliveries.

1. Swaps table - It was agreed to have a swaps table that everyone can use.  **Resolved** to look for a suitable table.
2. There is a gap in the hedge where the services were brought through. It was agreed to plant either Hawthorne or pyracantha. **Resolved** there may be some growing at the top of the site that could be relocated.
3. Best Plot Competition, **Resolved that**  judging should be in August. The Chairman to see if he can find an impartial judge. There will be categories for judging with a voucher and rosette for the winners. Committee members to propose categories.
4. Additional gate in the fence at the top end should be created for emergency use only. **Resolved** Clerk to look at options and costs
5. Social Day – it was agreed could be tied in with the Best Plot competition judging day in August.
6. BBQ – the use of barbeques was discussed. Our legal councillor was a little apprehensive about using ordinary BBQ’s instead of disposable. Mrs S Horrobin disagreed with this and requested it be minuted. **Resolved** to look into this again for the next meeting.
7. Ground across the rear of the site is lower in places than the fence. This needs to be looked at to as it is a run for the rabbits . Clerk to speak to fencing supplier to see if its possible to add an additional foot of fence to the bottom
8. The purchase of a petrol brush cutter at a cost of £119.99 (inc. VAT) be purchased. It was agreed to not rotovate the two new plots but just cut it back to ensure all the seeds are not put back into the soil.

## A15/24 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The following suggestions were received:

* BBQ
* Additional water trough - labour to be provided by plot holders/committee members

## A16/23 – DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

## Resolved - Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 24th July at 5pm

**Meeting closed at 7.07pm**

Signed ………………………………………………………………… Date: …………………………………………

Chairman