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

# **Held at Perton Civic Centre Wednesday 24th July 2024 at 5pm**

## **Present:**

Councillors – Mrs S Beardsmore, P Davis (Chairman), K. Elder, C Evans, D Glynn, Mrs R Heseltine,

C Rathbone

Residents - Mrs S Horrobin, J Powell & R Snape

1 Member of the public

Other: Mrs B Hodgetts (Parish Clerk)

## A17/24 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received

## A18/24 - DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declaration of disclosable pecuniary and other interests received.

## A19/24 - MINUTES OF MEETING

**Resolved** that the minutes of the allotment meeting held on 3rd July 2024 having previously been distributed, were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

## A20/24 –ALLOTMENT REPORT

* All plot holders emailed regarding keeping paths and front of plots tidy
* Plot holders emailed where it looks like the plots have not been cultivated for a while
* Bays have been labelled
* Area in front of raised beds has been strimmed and weedkiller applied. Covered in bark chippings where possible. Further chippings required.
* 16 residents on the waiting list

There are still a small number of plots not being cultivated.

## A21/24 – SITE

1. Management of the site.

One plot holder has blocked access to the woodland area at the far corner of the site. The plot holder has been told to remove the fence.

Is there a path within the trees? It appears there is a shed erected in this gap. This to be looked at. The committee needs to agree on access at the rear of the plots. Clerk to visit the site and report to the next meeting.

1. New plot allocation – 3 new plots have been created and allocated. Plot holders will help to maintain the path alongside the new plots.
2. Swaps table - It was agreed to have a swaps table that everyone can use. It was suggested that Men in Sheds may be able to make something.
3. There is a gap in the hedge where the services were brought through. **Resolved** It was agreed to plant either Hawthorne or pyracantha. Clerk to organise.
4. Best Plot Competition, **Resolved** to agree the following categories;

Best Design

Best environmental ideas

Best companion planting

Best use of space

Best Raised bed

Suggested 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. Rosette for all and £25, £15 and £10 garden vouchers for winners.

Best scarecrow, children’s section and overall winner can be looked at next year.

1. Social Day – the committee also discussed item h as part of the social day. The use of disposable bbq’s is still not resolved. There is an issue with fire and insurance on the communal areas which is insured by the council. A possible designated site for bbq’s/picnics could be considered. **Resolved** to discuss the options for management of the site at the next meeting.

Social day to be combined with the judging on Saturday 24th August.

1. Additional gate in the fencing - unfortunately no quotes have been received.
2. BBQ - already discussed at f)
3. New water trough - committee members have agreed to install the new trough. Requirements to be given to the Clerk to purchase.

## A22/24 – PRESENTATION

Unfortunately the Lakeside Hall has been double booked on Friday 13th September, the presentation can still be held but will be in the Terry Harding room. All plot holders will be asked prior to the presentation to gauge numbers.

## A23/24 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The following suggestions were received:

* Cutting back of hedges
* Land at the rear of the carpark - to discuss options for the land

An A frame notice board to be donated to the allotments.

## A24/23 – DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

## Resolved - Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 6pm

**Meeting closed at 5.58pm**

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

Chairman