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

# **Held at Perton Civic Centre Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 6pm**

## **Present:**

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

Residents - Mrs S Horrobin and R Snape

Other: Mrs B Hodgetts (Parish Clerk)

3 members of public

## A47/24 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received

## A48/24 - DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests received from the following

A51/24 – Plot rents from April 2026 – Cllr P Davis, Mrs S Horrobin & R Snape

## A49/24 - MINUTES OF MEETING

**Resolved** that the minutes of the allotment meeting held on 20th November 2024 having previously been distributed, were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

## A50/24 –ALLOTMENT REPORT

* There are 15 on the waiting list
* Profence has installed the gate – padlock form the toilet has been used.
* Japanese knotweed – the developer has confirmed that it will be electrically controlled
* BBC Gardeners Question time application submitted.

## A51/24 – SITE

1. The installation of the trough as revisited and the suggestion of using a mini digger was discussed. **Resolved** to hire a mini digger with a 15-18” bucket to dig the trench.
2. The option of adding 4 new raised beds was discussed. The beds would cost over £8,000. It was agreed that funding would be required to complete these. In the meantime funding for benches and plants would be looked into.
3. Water - It was **Resolved** to turn the water back on on the 1st April.
4. The possibility of applying for funding for a communal building was discussed. There is a section on the site where some form of hard standing is already situated. **Resolved** this can be revisited once the Allotment Association is established.

Cllr P Davis, Mrs S Horrobin & R Snape left the room

1. Plot rents were discussed. Following discussion it was agreed to recommend to full council an increase of 10% for all plots effective from April 2026.
2. The request for chickens to be kept on a plot was discussed. It was agreed that this would need a lot more consideration, so unfortunately permission will not be granted at this time.
3. There were no suggestions for speakers. The Clerk will email plot holders the list to gather any recommendations.

## A52/24 – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

The initial setup of the Allotment Association will first be submitted to the committee for review. Once they are happy with it, it will be shared with all plot holders for feedback before the next committee meeting, where it can be ratified. After the committee is satisfied with the process, it will be presented to the Full Council for approval in time for its formation in April.

## A46/24 – DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

## Resolved - Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th March 2025 at 6pm

**Meeting closed at 6.45pm**