

BRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman – Alan Mellor



29th July 2024

Draft Minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting held on Saturday 27th July 2024 at 9.30am at Thrapston Road Allotments, followed by the Brampton Park Allotments

Present: Mike Bainbridge, Chair, (JMB), Nigel Maggs (NM), Liz Ruston (LR), Brian Hodgson (BH).

In Attendance: Paula Moore, Assistant Clerk

1. Appoint Chairperson

Mike Bainbridge was duly elected chairman, this was proposed by LR and seconded by BH

2. Receive Apologies

Margaret Footner

3. Declaration of Interest

Nigel Maggs Allotment 37, Brian Hodgson Allotment 19

4. Receive and Approve Minutes of meeting held 12th October 2023

LR proposed acceptance of the minutes as being a true record of the meeting, BH seconded, and all agreed

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

None

6. General Update

None

7. Waiting list

7.1 Thrapston Road 28 waiting in total

7.2 Brampton Park 25 waiting in total

8. Thrapston Road Allotments

8.1 Fence replacement 13B – does the Allotment pay for this? – It was agreed that this is not something the committee will pay for, due to there being the option of having open boundaries without the need for fencing.

8.2 Rabbit proofing the boundaries – MB and PM to walk the boundary fences, a date will be set for this as soon as possible.

8.3 Unkept allotments

Following a walk around of the allotments there are the following letters to be sent out

6 Tidy up letters to be sent

4 Termination letters to be sent

5 Plots to be kept an eye on and re-assessed at the next meeting

8.4 Best Kept Allotment 3A – Bryan Mist and Best Newcomer 14B – Pat Fusset

9. Brampton Park Allotments

9.1 Frequency of lock combination change to discussed at the next meeting

9.2 Plots are to be offered as half plots with dividing fence

9.3 The weeds on the pathways were discussed and agreed that it is not for the committee to maintain, if the allotment area was maintained the weeds would not be an issue.

9.4 The Ragwort will be removed by the ground staff

9.5 There was a request for the following letters to be sent out

1 tidy up

1 termination

5 plots to be monitored and reviewed at the next meeting

Best kept allotment was Plot 17 Yune Xu and Weiping Wu, best newcomer was plot 3A Kerry Kellett

10. Other items for consideration

At Thrapston Road Allotments there were three members of the public present.

Their comments were as follows

10.1 When a full-sized plot becomes vacant it should be offered as a half plot

10.2 Those struggling with their plots should ask for assistance to maintain it to the required standard.

10.3 Would the committee agree to tenants forming a working party to clear allotments rather than the ground staff rotavating

10.4 The Allotment Magazine used to be passed among the plot holders but this has not happened for some time, could this be resumed?

The public were advised that the above requests could not be discussed at this meeting but would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

11. Next meeting date TBC

The meeting was closed at 12pm

Signed:
Chair

Date: