

Minutes of the Annual Allotment Plot Holders

Thursday 27 September 2018

Broadgreen Community Centre

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Neil Hopkins, Chair of Leisure & Amenities Committee welcomed plot-holders to the meeting and introduced the people at the top table.

The top table were Cllr Paul Dixon, Joyce Holman (Clerk) and Tracey Hodson (Allotment Administrator).

The Chair also introduced Patrick Victory (Parish Services Officer) and Kevin Green (Parish Ranger)

2. **Report by Parish Council**

A report of the year was made by Cllr Neil Hopkins – see Appendix A to the Minutes. The report referred to the allotment statistics – see Appendix B to the Minutes.

3. **Election of 3 Representatives to serve on the Allotment Working Party.**

Jane Allison and Patrick Malone were both present at the meeting and indicated that they would be happy to continue. Dave Thompson was the third representative who was not present at the meeting.

There were no other volunteers for the position at the meeting and it was agreed that the Parish Council would appointment the third person outside of the meeting.

RESOLVED that Jane Allison and Patrick Malone be elected as the Allotment Working Party Representative for the year.

4. **Questions**

- A Petition from Allotment Holders regarding the charging policy was handed to the Chair by Patrick Malone.
- A letter requesting a change in the renewal date was handed to the Chair by Patrick Malone.

The Chair confirmed that these 2 formal requests would be considered by the Allotment Working Party and a recommendation made to the Leisure & Amenities Committee. He informed allotment holders that they were welcome to attend the

Committee Meetings of the Parish Council and were given an opportunity to speak at the beginning of the meeting.

- Request for more water troughs on the sites. Also, could the valves be checked as some filled up very slowly.
- Problems with deer and badgers getting through the fence at Rushey Platt Allotment Site.
- Problems with the stream at the bottom of the site at Glenwood Close Allotment Site.
- Gap in the fence by the canal path at Shrevenham Road Allotment Site. A new fence is needed.
- Unoccupied sites that have been left because of flooding issues. The river has not flooded for many years and could these plots be used at Westcott Allotment Site.
- There were several complaints about the increase in fees for non-parishioners.

The Chair stated that all these issues would be looked into by the Parish Council.