BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Barrowby Allotment Committee Meeting held on Monday 17th June 2024 at the Reading Room, Barrowby

PUBLIC FORUM (7.15pm): There were no members of the public present.

Following a proposal by Mark Cherry, seconded by Mrs King, members resolved to suspend Standing Orders and open the meeting ahead of the scheduled time.

MEETING OPENED: 7.20pm

1. WELCOME REMARKS (24/001)

1.1 The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Those in attendance were Mr Cherry, Mr King, Mrs King, Mr Chambers, Mr Chapman, Mr Pcola, Councillors Marriott and Eaton.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & REASONS GIVEN (24/002)

3.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Lightfoot.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 (24/003)

3.1 Committee members Mrs King, Mr King, Mr Chambers and Mr Pcola declared an interest in agenda item 8.1.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (24/004)

4.1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting held on 15th April 2024. There was one abstention.

5. SITE REPORT (24/005)

- 5.1 Mr King provided a site report:
 - the speed bumps have been completed.
 - the slab path to the toilet needs finishing.
 - solar lights have been put up.
 - the damaged boundary fence has been replaced by the Housing Tenant.
 - the majority of the potholes have been filled.
 - the Pony Paddock has been cut.

6. FINANCES (24/006)

6.1 Members noted the 2024/25 expenditure to date.

7. ALLOTMENT ALLOCATIONS, PLOT REPORT AND WAITING LIST (24/007)

- 7.1 Members resolved to move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of matters to be discussed regarding plot allocations, plot report and waiting list.
- 7.2 Members noted the latest allotment allocations and waiting list numbers.
- 7.3 Members received a plot report A plot inspection was carried out on 15th June and a second letter will be sent to a plotholder. Following the issue of previous letters, most of the plotholders involved have worked on their plots. It was **RESOLVED** to approve that a new plotholder can erect a greenhouse and a shed.
- 7.4 The meeting came out of closed session.

8. ACCESS RIGHTS AND ROAD SAFETY (\$24/008)

- 8.1 Members discussed the access rights to the allotments site for non-BGA members (including members of the chicken co-operative) and it was **RESOLVED** to approve that the current rules on access for non-BGA members remain the same (including members of the chicken co-operative). The rules are set out in the plotholders Tenancy Agreements. Two members voted against the proposal.
- 8.2 Members discussed the issue of speeding cars along The Drift and the difficulty in exiting the allotment site, particularly if cars are parked along the road as well. It was **RESOLVED** to approve to ask the Parish Council to contact the Highways Team at Lincolnshire County Council to ask if a convex mirror can be erected on the verge opposite the Allotment site entrance. If approved, the mirror can be bought out of the Allotment Committee budget. Councillor Cherry will send a photo of the proposed siting of the mirror to the Clerk.

Action: Mr Cherry to send a photo of the proposed siting of the mirror to the Clerk. The Clerk will ask the Parish Council to contact Highways Team at Lincolnshire County Council to ask if a convex mirror can be erected on the verge opposite the Allotment site entrance and, if approved will purchase a mirror.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING (24/009)

9.1 Monday 16th September 2024 at 7.15pm at the Reading Room.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.