

# BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Barrowby Allotment Committee Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 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 Councillor Eaton, members resolved to suspend Standing Orders and open the meeting ahead of the scheduled time.

MEETING OPENED: 7.18pm

### 1. WELCOME REMARKS (24/010)

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

### 2. ELECTION OF MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

- 2.1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the co-option of Mary Lightfoot to the Committee. As Mrs Lightfoot was not present the Acceptance form will be signed at the next meeting.

### 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & REASONS GIVEN (24/011)

- 3.1 Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Lightfoot.

### 4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 (24/012)

- 4.1 None.

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (24/013)

- 5.1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's minutes of the Allotment Committee Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### 6. SITE REPORT (24/014)

- 6.1 Mr King provided a site report:
- the slab path to the toilet needs finishing.
  - the damaged boundary fence needs to be repaired.
  - the majority of the potholes have been filled.
  - one speed ramp needs to be repaired.

### 7. FINANCES (24/015)

- 7.1 Members noted the 2024/25 expenditure to date.
- 7.2 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the to investigate the installation of either solar panels or wind powered electricity supply.
- Action: The Clerk to look at what grants are available.**
- 7.3 Members reviewed the Allotment Committee Terms of Reference and it was noted that it is up to the Committee to set the allotment fees not the Finance Committee.
- 7.4 It was resolved to approve the 2025/26 Business Plan.
- 7.5 Members discussed the purchase of suitable battery powered maintenance tools to replace the petrol driven ones they currently have.

## **8. ALLOTMENT ALLOCATIONS, PLOT REPORT AND WAITING LIST (24/016)**

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 Members noted the latest allotment allocations and waiting list numbers.
- 8.3 Members received a plot report – A plot inspection was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> September and It was **RESOLVED** to approve that 3 ploholders can erect 2 polytunnels and a shed.
- 8.4 The meeting came out of closed session.

## **9. ACCESS RIGHTS AND ROAD SAFETY (S24/017)**

- 9.1 Members were disappointed to note that Lincolnshire County Council Highways will not allow a convex mirror to be erected on the verge opposite the Allotment site entrance even though it would improve the safety of drivers exiting the site.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING (24/018)**

- 10.1 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.15pm at the Reading Room.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm.