



Minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 20th October 2021 at The Grange Sports Field, Northampton Road, Earls Barton.

Present: Cllr Vicky Gould (Chair), Cllr Polly Hadman, Cllr Steve Hiscock, Mr David Gildon, Mr Brian West.

1. **Public Speaking Time** – no members of the public were in attendance.
2. **Apologise for Absence** – apologies were received from Cllr Steve Dodds and Cllr Mary Walters.
3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** – none were declared.
4. **Election of Non-Council members to the Committee** – it was resolved to elect Mr David Gildon and Ms Sophie Skates as non-council members of the Allotment Committee.
5. **Update on Inspection and Action Taken** – it was noted that work has been carried out to clear the plots that were identified during the last inspection. It was agreed a further inspection would be carried out (to be arranged via email) but no further action would be taken prior to the tenancy renewal.
6. **Review and possible amendment of Tenancy Agreement** – suggestions were put forward to amend the existing tenancy agreement. It was agreed that the suggestions would be incorporated into the draft amended tenancy agreement and circulated for approval via email. Once finalised, the new tenancy agreement would be sent to all tenants in December to be signed.
7. **Proposal for improvements at the allotments for consideration by EBPC** – it was agreed that EBPC be asked to include a ring-fenced sum in the budget for the allotment. It was also agreed that a notice board would be useful to share information and rules with the tenants. The Clerk will circulate a copy of the map to members of the Allotment Committee. Further discussion on improvements will be held after the renewal of the tenancy agreements.
8. **Any other issues to be raised for consideration at the next meeting** – reports of rats on the allotment to be monitored for further action. Mr West acknowledged that things had been a lot better in general this year.

Date of Next Meeting – to be confirmed.