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MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT AGM

FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER 2025 AT 6.30PM

Present: Cllr Teresa Norton (Chair), Cllr Richard Fisher

Also present: Anne Tandy, Clerk and RFO

Allotment Tenants: 9

1. Open and Welcome
2. The Minutes of the Allotment Annual General Meeting held on 11th October 2024 were approved.
3. Allotment Vacancies were reviewed. 1 vacancy has just been filled for a vacated plot and a waiting list is running. The next two on the list are existing plot holders wanting specific plots so vacancies will be offered to the third placement until the specific plots become available.
4. Notification was given of a 10% Allotment Rent increase from 1st October 2026. This was agreed by Council in May 2025 to take account of increasing water costs.
5. Feedback was invited on the matter of dog fouling on the allotments. No further issues reported.
6. Plot holders' views on the maintenance of the hedgerow along Well Green and installation of a structured compost bin were requested. It was reported that the hedgerow was traditionally cut by the Council. This will be taken forward as a recommendation and considered at the following Council meeting. Allotment holders did not feel a need for a communal compost bin, which could be used inappropriately by other residents.
7. A review of the use of carpets on the allotments was discussed. It was acknowledged that neglected use could cause a problem in the future when digging them out but a request was made for their responsible use over winter and removal in the spring. A request was made from Council that cardboard be used where possible and the responsible use of carpet will be monitored during inspections.
8. The allotment accounts from 1st October 2023 to the 30th September 2025 (Appendix A).

	Net Income	Net Expenditure
2023/24	£178.13	£245.04
2024/25	£167.50	£945.39
9. Payment of rents for 2025/26 were invited. A cheque was handed over for one allotment invoice and it was noted that four online payments have been received.

Meeting closed: 18:48

Signed