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ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Friday 13th February 2026 AT 7.30PM MINUTES

- 1) A proposal was made by Richard Fisher for Philip Norton to be Chair of the Allotment Committee. Seconded by Fiona. Philip accepted the role. Philip then declared an interest as a landowner to the field adjacent to the allotment.
- 2) Welcome and apologies from Pat Stokes, Malcom Rust and Peter Edwards
- 3) Review of committee Terms of Reference. These were agreed and two allotment holders were appointed. Terry Guyton and David Edwards.
- 4) Review of Allotment Vacancies. There are 5 vacancies on the current waiting list. It was felt that the current waiting list is not lengthy or extensive in comparison to other provisions.
- 5) **The siting of the allotments.**

The background was given as to the reason why the allotments are being considered for relocation.

 - a) Advantages and disadvantages of staying on the current site:
 - Lots of work has been undertaken on plots over a long period of time and there is little appetite to move.
 - Current site has a water supply.
 - Sheds are too old to move to a new site so would have to be replaced.
 - Negotiating the transfer of the
 - b) If a new allotment site(s) were to be considered, where would it be best located?
 - Need to know which sites are available in order to comment on the best location.
 - The current location is easily accessible by footpaths and ideally located in the village.
 - Other options would be more likely to require car travel.
 - c) Advantages and disadvantages of a new site and what facilities would be essential.
 - The Council should own the land to future proof the allotments
 - The current fortifications on the site are working at keeping deer out.
 - Sufficient car parking
 - Soil improvement
 - A lengthy transition of at least two years would be required to move over seamlessly and enable working the old and new plots in tandem.

- d) What additional facilities should be considered?
- Disabled access would be beneficial
 - Proper access to all plots for the delivery of 'muck'
 - All plots to be properly measured so they are of National Allotment Society specification.
- e) What time frames should be considered if moving to a new site?
A transition of at least 2 years with current holders having access to both the old and new plot during this time.
- f) What other support would allotment holders require to move site?
No plot holder should be left feeling unable to make the move and end up giving up their plot. Help will should to be offered for those who need it.
- 6) **Identify actions needed for the next committee meeting.**
- Consider a wish list of what is wanted, what is needed and what is non-negotiable.
- 7) **Identify any recommendations to be put to the full Parish Council for consideration.**
- Establish with the landowner which, if any, sites can be considered and obtain feedback on suitability from the allotment holders.
- 8) No other business
- 9) Next Allotment Committee Meeting to be notified by the Committee.

Meeting closed at 20:40