

Minutes of Open Spaces/Fabrics meeting held on Thursday 22nd February 2024

Present: Councillor T Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs. N Whalley, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs. C Thomas, T Fiddler, Mrs. P Mulholland and Mrs. J Atherton

1) Apologies:

K McKay (other business) and representatives from the Local Eco group
It was resolved to accept the reason for absence.

2) To record Declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

All Councillors, as Landlords, declared an interest in items 3 – the Bush lane Allotments.
Councillors. Mrs. L Willis and Mrs. N Whalley, as tenants, declared an interest in item 3.

3) To hold discussions with the Bush Lane Allotment holders

Concerns were raised that the recent increase in the rents had not been distributed evenly.
It was resolved that the following increases should be applied with effect from 01/04/2024.
Small plot £35, Half Plots £70 and full plots £140.

The Chairman reported that he was in discussion with a Drains contractor to have new drains installed in the allotments. It was suggested that each plot should be drained separately and they should be linked into the existing drain that runs adjacent to the track.
Work should start as soon as it was dry enough for it to be carried out.

4) To hold discussions on the Bio-diversity plan with the local Eco Group.

The Clerk reported that it was a requirement of the Environment Protection Act (2021) that all local authorities should produce a Plan. However, Parish Councils were except from producing reports of their proposals.

The report, submitted to Council on 04/12/23 was discussed in details and amended to reflect the Parish Council’s objectives. It was agreed that the revised report would be submitted to Council in March '24 for ratification.

Signed.....Mrs. P Mulholland, Chairman.....

Date.....11/02/24.....