



# Allotment Sub Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6pm

## PRESENT

Councillors: Jane Buxton, Roy Fairbairn, Joy Sellars (Chair), Dean Scott  
Allotment tenant representatives: Bill Bamberger, John Eyres, Stephen White  
Staff: Marion Fox Goddard (Parish Clerk)  
Allotment holders: 3.

### 1. Apologies

Cllr Marshall.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Fairbairn, Bill Bamberger, John Eyres, Stephen White - allotment holders.

### 3. Allotment holders' forum

Allotment holders raised concerns about the safety of the trees on the land next to the allotments (northern boundary). *Clerk will investigate ownership and ask the owner to address the issue.*

An allotment holder thanked the council for advertising the Nottinghamshire County Show make, bake, and grow competitions.

### 4. Minutes of the Allotment sub-committee held on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The minutes were approved as an accurate record by those who were at the meeting.

### 5. Update on the actions from the October meeting

The following update was noted:

Item	Update	Any further action needed?
Vacant Plots	Were cleared and relet	
New agreement	Just one allotment holder has not signed the agreement.	
Allotment inspections	Completed on 26/9/24. Letters have been sent to allotments that need attention.	
Fences	Replacement of the top strand of chain link on the fence – not completed	Clerk to discuss with Head Groundsman to arrange completion
20c	This plot is being used to bring on Woodland Trust whips.	
New noticeboard	Installed.	
Trees overhanging the site.	See item 3	

## **6. To receive an update on waiting list and allotment inspections**

7 Balderton residents are on waiting list however 4 of these have been offered allotments but have declined/not answered at the time of offer. One is waiting for an allotment next to a family member. This is the shortest the list has been for 18 months.

32 non-Balderton residents on the non- resident waiting list. Balderton residents take priority.

We know of 1 allotment which will be vacated before the new allotment year commences (1.8.25).

Inspections were completed on 28/3/25. Letters/emails have been sent/ phone call made to allotments holders whose allotment failed\*. The majority of these allotment holders have responded and have committed to resolve the issues. *Clerk/Head Groundsman to reassess these plots end of April/beginning of May.*

(\*One allotment holder has moved and not shared a new address).

## **7. Consideration of whether to have a higher bond/rent rated for non-Balderton resident allotment holders**

It was clarified that this was suggested for new allotment holders rather than those who were residents and have moved out of Balderton whilst having an allotment.

The sub-committee agreed to recommend to the Amenities Committee/Full Council charging new non-Balderton resident allotment holders<sup>1</sup> double the rent charged and the same bond amount (£100).

## **8. Future agenda items**

A suggestion was made for the sub-committee to consider water price increases. The council will review charges in due course (not sub-committee remit).

Also, the condition of some sheds on allotments that have been let with sheds (inherited from previous allotment holder). One shed was noted during the inspections as needing repair. The allotment holder has committed to repairing this. The Clerk explained that if allotment holders inherit sheds it is on the understanding that they are taking on the upkeep of them. In cases where the sheds have been in disrepair they have been disposed of.

*The meeting closed at approximately 6.50pm.*

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<sup>1</sup> Offers to non-Balderton residents would only be made should there be no Balderton residents on the waiting list to offer allotments to.