



## WARWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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## ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor S Pargeter (Chair)

Councillor K Dray

Councillor E Harrison

Councillor CL Moynihan

Assistant Town Clerk Mrs K Geddes

Mayor's Secretary Mrs Angela Clarke

### **COOPTED MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr S Poynter (PEAS), Mr A Will (Canalside), Mr P Collier (Railwayside), Mr R Collier (Railwayside), Mrs J Cooke (WHS), Mr P Borrill (PEAS)

## MINUTES

57.	<b><u>APOLOGIES:</u></b> Mr P Atkinson (Cape Housing West), Mr Simon Wilson (Canalside) and Mr D McLeod (Myton Green) sent their apologies – it was resolved to accept them.
58.	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST:</u></b> There were none.
59.	<b><u>UPDATE FROM ALLOTMENT ADMINISTRATION TEAM:</u></b> Mrs K Geddes  <a href="#">Report to Allotments Committee 24th February 2025.docx</a>  Noted.

	<p>Theme for this year's National Allotments Week was selected as Wellbeing to be in line with the National Allotments Society.</p> <p>Change of staffing – Mrs K Geddes will be leaving the employ of Warwick Town Council to take up another role on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Mrs Angela Clarke will therefore be clerking and supporting the Allotments Committee going forward. Mrs Geddes was thanked for her work with the Allotment Committee over the past two years.</p>
60.	<p><b><u>PERCY ESTATE FLOODING:</u></b></p> <p>Members considered the report submitted on the current state of the Percy Estate Allotment Site and acknowledged the ongoing, unresolved issue of flooding and standing water. A third of the site is now constantly underwater and unusable as plots.</p> <p>Options considered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Do Nothing</li> <li>B. Install Drainage</li> <li>C. Abandon Lesser Site and Install Drainage Only to Useable Part</li> <li>D. Install Only a Proportion of the Drainage – Possible Phasing of Remainder</li> <li>E. Conduct Feasibility Study</li> </ul> <p>The allotment sites are still not registered to the Town Council on the Land Registry so no works can be done until that happens. No representative of the Environment Agency had responded to emails accurately with regard to giving advice or agreeing to meet onsite to discuss. Until we have some meaningful contact with them we cannot know if draining into the river at this point is feasible.</p> <p>Any drainage option would need to cross the strip of land Warwickshire County Council own between the site and the River Avon which is tenanted. WCC Property Management have been very helpful in sharing maps and giving possible remunerations which would be expected i.e. legal fees paid, compensation paid, a consideration fee paid for WCC and the same for their tenant. No confirmed figures as yet on what that might total but several thousand is foreseen. They have also mentioned the possibility of an easement which may already exist across this strip of land which would help in not having to get one in the future – they are investigating.</p> <p>After much discussion, the below recommendation was unanimously agreed:</p> <p><b><del>RECOMMENDATION:</del></b> <del>to abandon the lesser site and install phased drainage across the useable part on a phased basis. The Environment Agency, Land Registry and WCC Property Management to be chased.</del></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Lesser site on the PEAS allotment site to be abandoned on a temporary basis to allow for drainage options to the river, the main site and the lesser site to be considered in this order. The Environment Agency, Land Registry and WCC Property Management to be chased.</p>
61.	<p><b><u>SITE REPORTS:</u></b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Canalside site</u> – No issues reported</li> <li>• <u>Cape Housing</u> – No issues reported</li> <li>• <u>Railwayside</u> –No issues reported</li> <li>• <u>Myton Green</u> – No issues reported.</li> </ul>
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