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Draft Minutes of the Public Open Spaces, Allotments & Playgrounds Committee Meeting of Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council (TWWPC) held at 7.00pm on Monday 13 October 2025 at Tockwith Village Hall, 1 Marston Road, Tockwith, YO26 7PR.

To be approved at the next Allotments, POS & Playgrounds Committee Meeting.

Present: Cllr Kriston Wright (Chairman), Cllr Stuart McHenery, Cllr Arnold Warneken, Cllr David Cunningham

Apologies: None.

Guests: None.

In attendance: None

Note: Clerk was not present. The minutes have been written from a recording of the meeting.

No members of the public were present at the meeting

1. Apologies

- i To note any apologies received
Cllr Alex Marsh.
- ii To approve any reasons for absence submitted for consideration
RESOLVED: That the reasons for absence submitted by Cllr Marsh be accepted.

2. To Note any Declarations of Interest

- i To note declarations of interests not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in the business to be transacted at this meeting
None declared.
- ii To approve any dispensation requests received
None received.

3. Public Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

4. Minutes

- i To approve the minutes of the Allotments, POS & Playgrounds Committee held 18 July 2025
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Allotments, POS & Playgrounds Committee meeting held 18 July 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5. Allotments

- i To consider the list of improvements regarding the Church Row site
A number of improvements have been put forward from the allotment holders and the Parish Council. These include:

- New fencing or wood to be supplied rather than fencing so it can be used as each plot holder requires for either fence repairs or edgings
- Provision of wood chip to replenish the allotment paths
- A cleared area to be provided for a new communal plotting shed and a new greenhouse
- General communal equipment for allotment holders - wheelbarrows, water butts, juice presses
- Installation of new hose and taps along the central path
- Cut the back hedge
- To clear the overgrown plot
- Two cold frames next to the potting shed
- Water butts
- Signage
- Hedge trimming between allotments
- Supplies for winter coverings e.g. black matting. To be kept in shed and reused
- Storage for manure
- A seating area

Discussion took place around appointing an allotments manager to oversee certain aspects going forward, including maintaining wood chip piles etc. A concern was raised about who would pay for wood chip and other supplies going forward.

RESOLVED: That the following are to be recommended to full council:

- New fencing around plots
- Woodchip
- Cut the back hedge
- Signage
- To clear the overgrown plot

The remainder to be discussed at a future meeting.

- ii To consider and agree the next steps

Cllr Cunningham to discuss with the Church about the possibility of using the Church's sheds to harvest rain water.

Cllr Wright to contact Clerk to confirm allotment holders responses. The remaining potential improvements to be discussed at a future meeting.

6. Public Open Spaces

- i To consider the management of Westfield Green

It was noted that the hedge that was overhanging the road at Westfield Green has been cut back. A plan to manage Westfield Green which will take into consideration the needs of users will be proposed and sent to local residents. Cllr Warneken to meet Cllr Cunningham on site to discuss issues and start writing a management plan. Quotes for the management of the site will be sought once the plan has been agreed at full council.

- ii To consider the use of the parcel of land at the top of PRD

Ideas were discussed regarding the use of this parcel of land. Some, including creating a community vegetable patch were dismissed as these were not an appropriate use of s106 monies.

RESOLVED: That the following are to be recommended to full council:

- Public seating area with wildflowers

- Bird feeder
- Nature centre, bug hotel
- Community flower garden
- Hedgehog houses and signage
- Wildflower containers
- Bat box

Cllr Wright to discuss these plans with nearby residents.

It was noted that the refurbished Marston Road Play Area will be opened on the 18th October 2025.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:52