

**ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE ALLOTMENT GARDEN PLOT HOLDERS HELD IN
WOOKEY HOLE COMMUNITY HALL, WOOKEY HOLE
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2018, 7PM**

The meeting took the format of an informal forum.

PRESENT: Ms Michele Exton (Parish Clerk), 12 Members of the Public.

The Clerk welcomed attendees and explained that the meeting was an informal consultation forum for Plot Holders to ask questions and raise issues of concern.

Cllr Mary Gaunt had sent her apologies and had asked for the following to be raised:

- She thanked all tenants who maintain their allotment.
- Those tenants who do not work their allotment for 2 months risk termination of their tenancy as there is a waiting list for an allotment.
- If parking by the gates, please ensure your vehicle is not sticking out into the lane.
- If tenants bring dogs onto the allotments, they must ensure that they are kept on a lead to prevent straying and fouling.
- Tenants are supposed to cut the path to one side of their allotment.
- She hoped tenants were enjoying the benefits of the recently delivered manure.
- Is anyone interested in joining the Allotments Working Party? Tenants of plots 7 and 17 offered to join the Working Party.

Tenants raised the following issues:

- Several tenants enquired about the proposed carpark. The Clerk explained that the Council had applied for planning permission several months ago. She has recently chased the Planning Authority but there is still no decision.
- The allotment side of the boundary hedge is overgrown and needs to be cut. The Clerk is to action.
- There was a request for water taps at the top and bottom of the allotments. The water trough at the bottom never fills.
- When people park in front of the existing gate, it makes it impossible for tenants to use the central path/lane to deliver/collect as access is blocked.

- There were several requests for a pedestrian gate. The Council has submitted pre-application advice for this. The Clerk will chase the District Council.
- The Clerk reassured the meeting that action will be taken with tenants who do not work their plots.
- One of the tenants informed the meeting to be aware that the Asian Hornet is now in the country.
- Possible uses, such as a picnic area or location of a shed on the newly acquired land beside the allotments were discussed.
- One tenant remarked that he felt the addition of barbed wire on the stockproof fencing at the southern end of the allotments was inappropriate as there are visiting children. This fencing is the property of the new owner of land the other side of the allotments.
- Several plot holders expressed an interest in joining the National Allotment Society as a group as it offers several benefits including reduced seed prices. There is a minimum membership of £30 and £3 per individual. The meeting was keen to commit to joining so 9 plot holders paid a total of £27 towards a membership. This money is being held by the tenant of plot 17 while membership enquiries are being progressed. A notice will be put on the noticeboard to see if any other plot holders would like to join.