

Walberswick Parish Council

The Allotments - for discussion at November meeting - 14th.

In line with many, if not all ,Parishes, we are fortunate in having an area of land reserved for use as allotments.

This land is managed by the PC and rented from Mr/ Sir C Blois. The rent and costs of water supply (paid to Jon Winyard) are recovered through charging parishioners rent for a plot. The water is available seasonally.

Most of the allotments are let but a number are in a bad state of repair and the general site lacks direction and care.

There is a contract for parishioners but no statement of care / responsibilities relating to the PC. For example, there is a leak in a water pipe; what is the process for the repair?

If we accept that we should as a PC make sure that the allotments are Safe, Secure and Accessible what might that entail?

How might we facilitate some sort of self-management of the allotments by parishioners and encourage take up of vacant plots - particularly given the cost of living crisis and the impact of the recession which is coming down the line? Should they be offered beyond the Parish if there are no local takers?

A way forward may be for the PC to host a Sandwich Chat in February where we invite allotmenters to an event which explores the good n bad of the allotments and seeks any possible ways of improving things together. Sandwiches and tea are provided to aid the thinking!

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