

# Drinkstone Parish Council

## Allotments

**Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Agenda Item; Councillor Portfolios**

During the last month I have visited both sets of allotments and can report that the general condition is good on both sites.

I have still to order the 100 bare root hawthorn whips approved at the last meeting but will now wait until the winter to do this.

Currently all allotment plots are filled with one person on the waiting list for Gedding Rd.

We have been approached by a villager who wants to rent the land on Rattlesden Rd. The Trustees are happy to let this land on a rolling annual basis as it will continue to provide a revenue which will continue to subsidise the cost of having an allotment and is in line with the objectives of the charity.

What has become apparent during discussions on the subject is there is potentially a situation in the future where the Parish Council may wish to take Parish land in a direction which is against the wishes of the allotment charity trustees. This has prompted me to look into the current structure of the allotments operation and I am looking at alternatives that potentially make the allotments more autonomous and self managing. I have written to the other trustees regarding the future use of the Rattlesden Rd land and awaiting a reply.

Until a full review is carried out I propose that we continue with the refurbishment and fencing of the RR land along with the planting of a few native trees at the Southern tip as previously discussed. We can then look to rent it for a year until a decision can be taken.

**Prepared by Cllr Edmondson**

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022