

ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 27 June 2023
Agenda Item Number	<i>Item 10 (iv)</i>
Author	Theresa Goss
Title of Report	Walled Garden Allotments
Summary	To discuss whether tenancies should be terminated, where the tenants have failed to keep their plots tidy, in accordance with the Conditions of Tenancy.
Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The tenancies on the following plots be terminated, and the tenants be given a one month notice period: 10a, 11, 14 & 17a (top half nearest wall) 2) The tenants of plots 16 & 19 be given until 21 July 2023 to tidy their plots, otherwise the termination of their tenancies will be considered at the PC meeting on 25 July 2023; 3) With the exception of plots 10A and 17A which are already half plots, when any full size plots are let in future (including plots 11 and 14), they be halved to make them more manageable; 4) The Walled Garden Allotments be inspected by Councillors, on a rota system, every 3 months; 5) If a plot is so overgrown and needs to be sprayed with weed killer before it can be re-let, this cost be recovered from the tenant vacating the plot; and 6) It be noted that a skip will be available from 3 July 2023 for two weeks for tenants to use and a Work Party is being held on Saturday 8 July 2023 at 10am. All tenants have been invited to join.
Reasons for the Recommendation	A number of tenants are not keeping their plots in accordance with the Conditions of Tenancy, as well as allowing rubbish to accumulate around the site.
Impact on Budget	None, the skip is free of charge from Smiths of Bloxham.
Risks	If plots are not kept tidy, as well as the surrounding areas of the site, tenants are in breach of their tenancy and this also encourages rats.
Background	<p>Prior to Christmas, it was reported that there was an issue with rats at the Walled Garden Allotments.</p> <p>The Parish Council engaged the services of PDA Pest Control who removed them and advised that tenants needed to clear all the rubbish from their plots, and the surrounding areas to help avoid them coming</p>

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	<p>back.</p> <p>Despite a number of requests to tenants, the rubbish was not removed.</p> <p>In the last few weeks, there was another report of rats at the allotments, however the Parish Council agreed not to engage PDS Pest Control because the request for the rubbish to be removed, had largely been ignored. Therefore, it would be a pointless exercise and not a good use of Parish Council funds.</p> <p>Tenants were again asked to remove the rubbish and some of it was taken away for plots and surrounding areas, but it was agreed by the Parish Council on 23 May 2023 to order a skip to help the exercise. This is kindly being delivered on Monday 3 July 2023, free of charge, by Smiths of Bloxham. A Work Party for tenants is being held on Saturday 8 July 2023 at 10am.</p> <p>Despite a number of requests, the tenants of plots 10a, 11, 14 & 17a (top half nearest wall) have not tidied their plots at all and therefore the Parish Council has no choice but to consider terminating their tenancies. The plots look unkempt and the weeds are spreading their seeds to other plots.</p>
Supporting documents; advice, reports etc should always be attached to the report and listed here	Conditions of Tenancy attached.