

## ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

<b>Date of Parish Council Meeting</b>	Tuesday 28 June 2022
<b>Agenda Item Number</b>	<i>Item 10 (v)</i>
<b>Author</b>	Theresa Goss
<b>Title of Report</b>	Walled Garden Allotments
<b>Summary</b>	To review the Conditions of Tenancy at the Walled Garden Allotments.
<b>Recommendation</b>	<p>A new rule be included in the Conditions of Tenancy for the Walled Garden Allotments that plots must not be used for commercial purposes, they are for food production and personal consumption.</p> <p>The Parish Council to remind all tenants about the Conditions of Tenancy at the Walled Garden Allotments, drawing attention to the new rule that plots must not be used for commercial purposes.</p> <p>The individual tenant who the Parish Council believes has planted fruit trees as part of a business, be advised that use of the plot for commercial purposes is not acceptable and the Conditions of Tenancy have been amended to reflect this. The tenant be requested to provide a date when the fruit trees will be removed and the plot will be returned to food production.</p> <p>The Parish Council to decide whether the planting of flowers in the plots is acceptable or whether action should be taken regarding these plots too.</p>
<b>Reasons for the Recommendation</b>	The commercial use of plots at the Walled Garden Allotments is not acceptable and the Conditions of Tenancy should be amended to reflect this.
<b>Impact on Budget</b>	N/A
<b>Risks</b>	Other tenants may start to use their plots for commercial purposes.
<b>Background</b>	<p>During an inspection of the Walled Garden Allotments, it was noted that a tenant is using their plot for commercial purposes, which is not in the spirit of an allotment, which is for food production for personal consumption. The plot is full of fruit trees. Also some plots are nearly half full of flowers.</p> <p>The main issue is that this tenant has a fruit tree business and when he first took on the tenancy of the plot, it appeared he wasn't planting the allotment. This was queried we were advised that the tenant was about to plant some of the saplings he's growing for the business, rather like a 'trial bed'. However, the plot should be used for growing food for his own use.</p> <p>If this continues, it might create an 'agricultural' or 'horticultural' tenancy and this would need to be investigated. Plus other tenants might start to use their plots for commercial purposes.</p>

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Current Conditions of Tenancy are attached.