



**Community Assets & Opens Spaces Committee  
Wednesday 7 October 2026**

**Agenda Item 7 – Allotments Update**

**7.2 – Plot 120 Rent Decision**

**Purpose of the Report**

Members are required to:

- To **NOTE** the request from the holder of Plot 120 for free rent for a further 12 months and to **AGREE** a decision.

**Background**

In October 2023, the parish council agreed a provision whereby allotment plots that were in a poor condition could be rented to potential tenants free of charge for one year to allow them to be improved, with charges applying thereafter.

The minute reference is:

***“OS/34: Allotments Members RESOLVED to delegate to the Allotments & Administration Officer in consultation with the Deputy Clerk and the Grounds Team Manager, authority to allocate neglected plots rent free for 12 months.”***

**Current Issue**

Under this provision, the holder of Plot 120 has free rent until November 2026. However, as the plot is still in a particularly poor condition, due mainly to the state of the soil, the holder has requested free rent for a further 12 months.

The parish council's Allotments Officer has determined that the tenant's activities on Plot 120 to date have been enormously helpful and, in clearing old structures and derelict buildings, he has saved the parish council's grounds team a lot of work. If the request for an extension is denied, the plot holder may give up the plot and the parish council may struggle to let it out. If the plot is re-let, a new tenant may request free rent for the same reasons that the current plot holder has given.

**Recommendations**

- To **APPROVE** or **REJECT** the request from the holder of Plot 120 for free rent for a further 12 months.

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