



## Chard Town Council

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**Mayor Cllr. Garry Shortland Town Clerk Zoe Truong**

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### **Minutes of the Annual Allotment Holders meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in the Auditorium at 6:30 pm**

#### **Present:**

Councillors: J Baker (Chair)

#### **In Attendance:**

Teresa Turnbull – Administration Officer

There were No. 13 members of the public present and No. 0 members of the press present

The meeting started at 6.30 pm

Apologies received from Shirley Pitman, Outdoor Services Manager

JB confirmed the minutes of the last meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Confirmed that the minutes from this AGM will be distributed at next forum meeting but signed off at the next AGM (Oct 2019)

Could more notice of the next forum meetings please be given.

Could the accounts information requested at the last AGM please be supplied.  
Figures from 2016/17 and budget from 2017/18.

Letters inc. application for shed/greenhouse were not sent out, however these are available on the Chard Town Council website.

Dog fouling – The cost of purchasing a dog bin is £180.00 plus the cost to the amenities of emptying.

Last forum meeting due in August, unfortunately did not happen.

#### **Report on allotment data**

There are currently 181 managed plots at Chardstock Allotments  
164 plots are full size and 17 half sized.

2018 - 17 Vacant plots (12 full size & 5 half size)

2017 - 22 Vacant plots (15 full size & 7 half size)

90.06% Occupancy.

Allotment Inspection took place on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Letters sent to Allotment Holders: 20

Number of Plots Terminated between 16.10.2017 and 23.10.2018: 27

New Allotment Holders between 16.10.2017 and 23.10.2018: 24

No waiting lists.

Rent for 2019/20

There will be no rent increase for 2019/20.

Any other business

Problem plots should be reported. A map to be placed on the notice board at allotment site monthly showing vacant plots. If the issue is on a managed plot problem should be reported to CTC.

Vacant plots will be strimmed by the Amenities team. Who pays for the cost of strimming of vacant plots?

Land is on a 3 year rolling lease – We have intention to renew the lease at the end of the current period (2020) It is understood that the Council have a responsibility to provide the service therefore if this land become unavailable we would need to source alternative land.

Is there a way of protecting the land from development? Could the Council buy it? Land owner does not want to sell.

Could we remove the tanks and have taps? JB to find out if that's a viable option. Low water pressure may be an issue. Money being spent to repair tanks.

Top gate is unlocked –Lock is required asap - Is it possible to buy spare padlocks?

Is it possible to lock the gate permanently? Gate is used for access, possibility of putting a turning circle in, if there space and path would need graveling

Date for next meeting in January to be confirmed. Allotment holders request SP to attend.

**There being no further business the meeting finished at 7.25pm**