



# FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

## ALLOTMENT WORKING PARTY

Action Notes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 14 January 2021 at 2.00pm  
VIA Zoom

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### ATTENDANCE LIST

Councillors: J Baxter, T Cordery and M Willis (Chairman)

Richard Huskinson FAA Chairman, Allotment Association

Tina Dudley, Committee Administrator.

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#### 1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from R Huskinson due to technical difficulties.

#### 2. Action Notes

The action notes of the meeting of the Allotments Working Party held on 9 November 2020 were approved.

#### 3. Budget Comparison Report 1/04/2020 – 31/12/2021

The Clerk outlined the outstanding invoices and the potential expenditure. The budget comparison report was noted.

#### 4 Plumbing costs

The quote received for the costs of plumbing in troughs 1-2-3 was approved.

#### 5. Site and Tenant Matters

The Clerk informed the meeting that 10 people were on the waiting list at the present time and that one eviction had been taken place.

#### 6. Dividing Allotment Plots and Creation of Accessible Garden Plots

Councillor Cordery provided a detailed plan of the costs and material required to create the smaller starter plots on plot 19a. It was agreed that To consider and approve the costings calculated for the creation of small allotment gardens on plot 19a.

It was noted that the plot was very overgrown with weeds that would require some extensive work to be undertaken to clear the plot prior to the smaller plots being created. Members agreed that the works required to clear the plot would be undertaken, budget allowing prior to April 2021. It was further agreed that option 3 would be implemented 4 plots measuring 4metres x 4metres.

#### **7. Site Security**

Members agreed that the proposed quote for a new gate and fencing at the allotment entrance be approved with a request for the work to begin as soon as possible.

#### **8. Creation of a new exit**

It was agreed that a quote for the creation of a new exit point on to Christchurch Road would be sought so that future budgeting plans could be considered.

#### **9. Five Year Plan**

The five-year plan was noted.

#### **10. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged for the 3 March 2021 and that a site visit be undertaken prior to future meetings if the COVID19 restrictions allowed.

## Five Year Plan 2020/2021

1.	Accessible and starter plots project
2.	Water Trough – Discussion about whether a third water trough is wanted this year- Cllrs to visit allotments and ascertain the most suitable location. Clerk to obtain costs for additional works, trough and pipework
3.	Deer Fencing –deer come in and out through 6a as it is out of commission and not fenced. They also come in at the bottom where the soil has been dumped. It was agreed to seek an expert opinion on keeping deer out, height and type of fencing necessary. Consider Harrison Fence?
4.	Entrance/Exit improvements - Quote for improvements to entrance/exit gate and fencing to be researched now in time to go into the 2021/22 budget. Research feasibility of an exit via Christchurch Road.
5.	Drainage improvements
6.	Communal Shed – This will allow plot holders to share seeds, crops, and equipment. Security is a concern though and may encourage theft.