

Allotments

PC Meeting 14/7/25 carried forward to 4/8/25 meeting

Use of the padlock

- At the last PC meeting, it was noted that the padlock from the gate was missing and it was agreed to replace it. This came about originally due to a personal safety issue raised by a tenant.
- The agreement reached then was that the padlock was there should anyone feel the need to use it whilst they are on site, but the site is not locked constantly for all users.
- I'm unsure whether this arrangement was ever put in place and how long the padlock was present.
- Another tenant has reasonably asked to be consulted on decisions affecting all tenants and whether the "rules" for use of the padlock can be clarified.
- I've asked Debbie Greaves about whether the use of the padlock is ok to be as previously agreed, and if eg folk are loading and unloading, it does not need to be locked during that time.
- This needs to be clarified.
- I'd recommend that those people who feel unsafe, can have access to the padlock for use whilst they are there, and that others respect that use and work with them when they are on site too.

Forfeit of allotment

- The rules state that a plot must be kept in a cultivated state. I have asked one tenant to improve his plot and I gave them a deadline of the end of May to do it.
- The Allotment Manager post was then appointed to.
- I checked the plot on Friday 4/7 and it was still very overgrown with high grasses that will be blowing over others' plots. It is not cultivated.
- I will send the tenant a notice to quit and forfeit their plot. (Have now sent and tenant accepted.)
- There are 2 people on the waiting list. There are now 3 (plus one outside of Easton) and arrangements are being made to let the vacant plot.
- **NEW** The volunteer Allotment Manager post is now vacant again, as K Cox recently tendered his resignation. Are there any Councillors willing to do this volunteer role – can appoint now or defer until September's meeting. See job description.

Jenny Rice, Clerk

7/7/25