

## HALLS CEMETERIES AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

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**Date:** Monday 14 September 2020  
**Title:** Allotments Update  
**Contact Officer:** Operation and Estates Officer – John Hickman

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### **Background**

The purpose of this report is to update members on the current position regarding Allotments.

### **Current Situation**

#### **Hailey Road Allotments**

The Operations and Estates Officer has not been able to process the application for retrospect permission for a large poly tunnel in excess of the 2.5m x 3m agreed max size has been received due to time constraints.

#### **Lakeside Allotments**

The Operation and Estates Officer has not been able to process a number of applications for retrospect permission that have been received for structures in excess of the agreed 2.5m x 3m at this site.

Lakeside allotment association representatives have requested the trees to the boundary with the Oxford Witney Hotel and the Lakeside flats are reduced, these are mostly willow that require to be pollarding every few years. This is quite a difficult operation as the trees are outside the allotment boundary fence between the fence and a storm ditch. The only access is across two of the corner allotments cutting through the fence all materials must be moved by hand as vehicle access is not possible along the ditch line.

#### **Newland Allotments**

Newland allotment association representatives have requested the works team to reduce the size of the hedge that abuts Woodgreen School boundary fence, the works team will deal with this where possible in the autumn.

### **Composting**

The Allotment Association has been informed of council's decision to provide Newland and Hailey Road Allotments Mantis compost tumblers at a cost of £399 each along with 2 x composting Daleks at a cost of £21.50 each. But has yet to hear back from the allotment

association. The Operations and Estates has yet to access the costs associated to constructing 3 times costing bays at Lakeside and West Witney.

### **West Witney Allotments**

Transfer of the allotment land is progressing and the associated fencing, parking, footpath etc. works are due to start soon.

### **Environmental impact**

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

### **Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **Recommendations**

Member are invited to note the report.