

# **Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council**

**Full Council 09/09/2021**

## **Allotment Provision**

**Agenda item 21/067 11: To receive an update on the provision of allotments and RESOLVE that the Council shall write to local landowners to establish land options.**

This decision/project can be taken under the Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908, ss23, 25.

### **Background**

To date very little information or documentation on previous activity and the status of allotments has been found. This, given the time elapsed since allotments were first requested by the community, indicates a complete restart is required. We propose proceeding as follows as the first phase:

#### Phase 1

1. Make ALL owners of significant and potentially suitable land in the Parish aware of the requirement by writing to them through the Office
2. Follow up with these potential landowners through personal contact from the responsible Councillors to establish whether any prospective land exists
3. Identify and provisionally secure the land for the allotments
4. Poll community to validate interest/demand for allotments
5. Secure the land (provided there is sufficient demand from the Community)

### **Costs**

Postage aside, there are no costs envisaged in Phase 1.

### **Recommendation**

Approve Step 1 of Phase 1 to commence the search for suitable land for allotments:

The Council shall write to local landowners to establish land options