

# Swaffham Prior Parish Council

## Allotment Inspection Report

Inspection date: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Parish Council Attendees: Paul Latchford

The inspection lasted approximately half an hour and involved a general inspection of the allotments, measurement of each allotment and each pathway, and general observations.

### **Allotment plot**

The allotment plot is divided into six allotments of unequal size lying on an approximate NE – SW axis (long axis). The NE boundary lies adjacent to the Cemetery, the SW boundary lies adjacent to the By-pass.

### **Allotment access**

- Access is acceptable

### **Allotment boundaries**

The NW, SW and NE boundaries are comprised of painted iron railings and hedging. The SE boundary (By-pass side) is comprised of thick hedge.

- The railings are not upright but are otherwise in a moderate state of repair
- The hedge does not appear to have been maintained on either side

### **Allotment pathways**

The allotment plot is subdivided by pathways:

- The widths of each pathway are included on the attached map
- All pathways were passable

### **Allotment structures**

The allotment currently has two structures:

- No change

### **Allotment condition**

The allotment plot is currently divided into five allotments of unequal size

- One of the six allotments – Garden allotment Plot 3 (GaP 3) (please see attached map) - is untidy and in a poor state of cultivation
- Two of the six allotments – GaP 5 and GaP 6 are only partially cultivated
- All other allotments are in a good or acceptable state of cultivation.

### **Allotment Water Supply**

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- Working acceptably.

### **Surrounding area**

The NE and SE boundaries cause concern where unattended hedges may impair normal enjoyment and operation of the allotments.

### **Measurement**

The allotments have been re-measured and can be seen on the attached map. The Ariel photograph broadly confirms the varying sizes.

A second map has been attached indicating a possible better arrangement and subdivision of the plot. This should form part of the discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

### **Recommendations**

- GaP should be re-let as soon as possible
- GaP 5 and GaP 6 should be tidied in the areas that are not cultivated