

# Agenda Reports Pack – Footpaths & Parks 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

## Agenda Item 4

### Burnfoot Allotment Site

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 The situation regarding the water supply to the site was not considered by WCF & WTC prior to the transfer of ownership of the land
- 1.2 It has been confirmed by United Utilities that the now 5 identified standpipes in some of the allotments are supplied by the measured connection to WCF
- 1.3 WCF have made it clear they do not wish for this to continue (discussed at the previous meeting) and the expectation from them is that WTC resolve the issue.

#### 2. Options

- 2.1 The preferred option for WCF is that we cap off/disconnect the standpipes from the water supply. We have requested quotations for this work, along with the installation of a trough or standpipe.
- 2.2 United Utilities are to supply us with a formal quotation for the work which is likely to be in the region of £1k
- 2.3 At the last meeting it was suggested that WCF be approached to contribute towards the cost or consider a contribution to them. See 3.1 below

#### 3. Way forward

- 3.1 Councillors need to be prepared that WCF are most likely to decline any request to financially help resolve the issue, as is clear from their previous correspondence.
- 3.2 The tenants will expect a water supply to be available
- 3.3 The Allotment budget for 20/21 is already overspent by £2300.00 (see appendix 1) and the budget for 2021/22 has already been set at £1700.00
- 3.4 Members may consider referring to Finance since for 2021/22 allotment income is budgeted at £3500 against an expenditure of £1700.

## Agenda Item 5

### The Crofts Allotment Site

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 There are two allotments at The Crofts, both maintained by one tenant
- 1.2 A water supply was available via a standpipe that was connected to the adjoining domestic property. This was unmeasured
- 1.3 The supply was disconnected last year following a change of occupancy at the adjoining property.
- 1.4 The tenant of the Allotment last year asked that we consider installing a water supply for the allotment

#### 2. Options

- 2.1 Installation of a water supply is likely to cost in the region of £1000 (perhaps more due to the likely connection to the water main on surfaced land)
- 2.2 Not to install a connection

#### 3. Way forward

- 3.1 The tenant is aware of the potential cost and realises that this is likely not to be an option for the council, and has indicated that their rent should be reduced accordingly

#### 4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the rent be revised to take into account the lack of a water supply.

## Agenda Item 6

### Burnfoot Allotment Site – Allotment no 3

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 Information was received from WCF of the tenant of allotment no. 3
- 1.2 The allotment in question has 2 pigeon lofts, along with some other sheds.
- 1.3 The Town Council was then advised by another tenant of the site that the allotment had been vacated.
- 1.4 The tenant's father has informed us that his son intends to move his pigeons back onto site.
- 1.5 The tenants father previously worked the allotment for over 40 years

#### 2. Content

- 2.1 It is usually accepted that only parishioners are entitled to an allotment, although this is not a legal requirement
- 2.1 At the time of this request, there are no rules set down for this allotment site.

#### 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Should the tenant be allowed to remain as a tenant, then there are no financial implications
- 3.2 Should the tenant be refused the allotment, and does not dismantle the site then there is likely to be substantial financial implications to the council in clearing the site.

#### 4. Risk Analysis

- 4.1 There is a risk to the council of adverse publicity should the request be refused.

## Agenda Item 7

### Burnfoot Allotment Site –No 2

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 It has been confirmed that Allotment No 2 has been vacant for some time.
- 1.2 There is a large amount of debris, stones, cut down trees and the like on site.

#### 2. Implications

- 2.1 It seems unlikely that it can be let in its current state
- 2.2 It seems likely that a lot of time, money and effort will be required to bring it to a certain standard
- 2.3 The Parks Supervisor may have some time in March to do some clearing, but this cannot be guaranteed.

#### 3. Options

- 3.1 Do nothing, leave as is
- 3.2 Attempt some clearance throughout the year, as time allows
- 3.3 Obtain the services of an outside contractor to clear the site – there will be financial implications.
- 3.3 Attempt to let as is