

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	Tuesday 12 th October 2021
Report Title	Leisure Gardens Update
Agenda Reference	9
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Officer's Recommendation

1. To note any matters arising from the leisure garden sites.

Annual Rent Letters

Letters were sent on Thursday 30th September 2021 to be paid by the 31st October 2021. The Council agreed to a 'cashless' method meaning payments will be received via BACS or Cheque. Any payments of rents not received will receive a rent reminder letter allowing an additional two weeks for payment before the Council assumes the plot is now vacant and will be reallocated to the next person on the list.

The annual rent letter detail the change of the combination code at all sites, an invitation to the Annual Plot Holders meeting which is due to take place on Monday 18th October 2021 where an update will be received on the Grounds Maintenance Facility and plans for Goodearl site.

Due to a miscalculation error for Ventnor Close not being based on the agreed final rates from 2020-2021 a further letter has been sent with correct amounts. Credits will be repaid accordingly of the differences for any plot holders who had already paid. 25 plot holders were affected.

Waiting List

To date there is 69 people on the waiting list. Five of the people on the waiting list are already plot holders but would be interested in taking on another plot. The earliest people on the waiting list applied in March 2020 whereby the national lockdowns meant that more people had time on their hands and the waiting list grew rapidly. Contact will be made with those on the waiting list to see if they are still interested and if eligible to receive a leisure garden plot. There is a separate waiting list of 28 people awaiting news on the possible new leisure garden site at Tadpole Lane.

Allocations

Due to the changes at Goodearl, any vacant plots at Rose Walk were automatically given to affected plot holders from the plans from the Grounds Maintenance Facility hence why the delay in allocating to people on the waiting list.

- During August two plots were allocated, one at Rose Walk and one at Goodearl.
- During September five plots were allocated at Rose Walk and one plot was allocated at Goodearl.

Vacant Plots

There are four available plots at Ventnor Close which have been offered but not accepted, there is two other people, next on the waiting list with a preference for Ventnor Close have since been offered two of these plots. A social media post will be created to see if there is any interest.

End of Season Inspection

Due to take place at the end of October 2021, please email admin@haydonwick.gov.uk for more information if you are interested in attending.