

Agenda Item 8

Allotment Update as of 26th May 2018

The Clerk has received several notifications of tenant's intentions to give up their plots and will also have sent out the rent reminders/notice to quit letters by the time of the meeting and further allotments may become vacant over the next month. The Clerk will continue to re-let plots and is working through the waiting lists.

Vacant and Plots Let since 1st April 2018:

Site	No of Plots	No. Let	Vacant
Pasture Lane No. 1	60	4	4
Pasture Lane No. 2	36	2	4
Lower Parkhill	42	1	7
Lowerclough Street	33	5	1
Adjacent to Pasture Lane	3	2	1
Back Nora Street	19	1	0
Back Church Street	8	0	0
Total	201	15	30

Work Programme:

- 1) The summer works are in full swing with mowing and strimming taking place.
- 2) At the request of various Councillors and others, some of the plants and bulbs from the winter planters will be used in the flower beds to the Barrowford side of Victoria Park as Pendle have not planted the beds. Kieron Roberts has agreed to supply some plants for the beds which will be planted by volunteers.
- 3) The Clerk recommends that any spare plants from the summer planting should be donated to the volunteers and that the handymen are made available to help with the logistics of this volunteer planting.
- 4) Vacant allotments will be strimmed as time allows both aiding re-letting and keeping the weeds down for adjacent potholders.
- 5) A tenant has reported a problem with a large ash tree at Pasture Lane, the Clerk has met Mr Choyce on site and after discussion the tree needs extensive pruning to the allotment side of the tree. The estimated cost for this work will be around £450 + vat. The Clerk has discussed other trees around the allotment sites and will do an inspection with Mr. Choyce around November to ascertain any urgent tree maintenance work required.
- 6) Summer Planting: The plants are ordered for collection on the 4th June with planting taking place within that week.
- 7) Herb beds at Barrowford Memorial Park: When the Friends Group started re-planting with herbs the timber in one bed was rotten after discussion with the Friends Group the group will pay for replacement boards and the parish handymen will carry out the work.