

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Allington Road Leisure Garden

15th August 2018

1. Introduction

In October 2017 9 Leisure Garden sites were transferred to the Parish Council from Swindon Borough Council (SBC) excluding the Allington Road site located in Penhill. It was thought that the Allington Road site had been retained by SBC for future development.

2. Report Details

In recent months the Parish Council have received complaints from residents living adjacent to the Allington Road Leisure Garden site about overgrown vegetation from the site encroaching on their gardens. These complaints have always been referred to SBC.

More recently a tenant of the Leisure Garden site had contacted SBC to try and pay the current years allotment fees and was referred to the Parish Council. This query was subsequently referred back to SBC. As a result of this SBC have asked if the Parish Council would be willing to take on the management of the site concerned, and have it transferred to the Parish Council as per the other Leisure Garden sites.

There are 4 half size allotment plots on the Allington Road Leisure Garden site which could generate an annual income of £122.40 based on the current years fees. Currently 2 of the 4 plots are tenanted.

The Leisure & Amenities Committee agreed at their meeting held 01 August 2018 that they would be happy to take on the site providing the freehold is transferred to the Parish Council as per the other Leisure Garden sites transferred. The Finance & Staffing Committee also shared this view when discussions were had regarding the site at their meeting held 07 August 2018.

3. Recommendations

That the Parish Council agree to take on the Allington Road Leisure Garden site providing the Freehold to the land is transferred to the Parish Council as per the other Leisure Garden sites.

