

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Allotment rent review paper – December 2021

- **Background**

- It is the policy of WPC to review Allotment rents annually as part of the normal budget cycle
- It is the policy of WPC to charge rent for allotments on a “Not-for-Profit” basis, i.e. to charge on a cost recovery basis (currently land rent and water), such that that allotments are neither a profit-source nor a burden on the Council Tax payers of Walberswick
- Allotment rents have not changed since 2018
- Historically allotment rents have sought to recover the rental cost for the land incurred by WPC but have not historically recovered water costs since these had been managed and collected separately by an allotment holder volunteer.
- In 2020, WPC had to absorb the cost of 2 years of unpaid water usage and resolved to start recovering costs for both land and water as a combined charge from April 2022

- **Proposal**

- To fully recover costs incurred by WPC, the following change in annual allotment rents are proposed with effect from April 2022:
 - ¼ allotment: Current - £7, Proposed - £11
 - ½ allotment: Current - £10, Proposed - £17
 - Full allotment: Current - £14, Proposed - £24
- Depending on the water use of the allotment holders, the rent could be adjusted up or down from April 2023.
- Contracts with allotment holders will be amended to reflect rent changes.