

Appendix 6 - Allotments Report

Ettington Parish Council

Report to Council

8th March 2017

The open meeting held on 16th February had an attendance of about twelve people and was led by John Wade who outlined the position as it stands of the “Ettington Diggers”. The group was formed in 2015 to establish levels of interest in allotments and progress acquisition of a suitable site. The impending windfall of significant Sec.106 monies from the Spitfire development and the advancement of the village’s Neighbourhood Plan makes it an appropriate time to take matters further. To that end it was noted that the Parish Council has agreed to adopt Ettington Diggers as a sub-committee of the council and provide a representative. Eight of those present agreed to form the committee and its first meeting was convened on 28th February.

The agenda was: 1. Agree terms of reference for submission to Parish Council for endorsement; 2. Election of Officers; 3. Agree potential sites and draft letters to their landowners seeking lease or rental arrangements.

The proposed terms of reference are in Appendix 6A.

The elected officers are: Chair - John Walsh; Vice-chair - Kevin --??---; Secretary – John Wade.

ACTION – Councillors are asked to consider the proposed terms of reference and agree or amend as appropriate. Particular reference should be made to the list of officers and if it should include a treasurer, this being contingent upon whether the Ettington Diggers’ finances should be managed solely by the Clerk or run independently and overseen by the Clerk.