

Requests for amendment to Allotment Agreement for plots 14-21 and adjustment to rent charged.

1. With regard to Clause 2:
2. *The Council shall let the Allotment Garden to the tenant for a term of one year commencing on the 1st day of January 2027 and thereafter from year to year unless determined in accordance with the terms of this tenancy.*

[a] The tenant shall pay a yearly rent of £ 20 (£10 for third-size plots) whether demanded or not which shall be payable in full on the 30th day of November 2026 and for every year after the first year of the tenancy on the 30th day of November

The eight plots numbered 14 to 21 together form a mature traditional orchard, rather than being typical mixed vegetable/fruit/flower plots.

Historically they have been rented *en bloc* and I have continued this. It enables them all to be managed together under a common regime, to support the better conservation and cultivation of the orchard, its fruit trees and wider environmental features. I'd note that these plots don't need to make use of the mains water resources provided to the allotment, which should be an ongoing cost saving for the Parish Council.

Whether I personally or the Mid Shires Orchard Group should rent the eight orchard plots going forward, continuing with this approach would be anticipated.

Given the above, would the Parish Council be amenable to treating this block of eight differently to the other allotment plots and accepting a discounted rent of £10.00 per annum for each of 14 to 21, if they continue to be rented *en bloc*?