

Hartlip Allotments – Sheepwash Field

Hartlip Parish Council has rented the allotment land near the Village Hall from the same family since 1896 for the purpose of allotments and the land was used prior to that for private allotments.

Earlier this year, agents acting for the family contacted the Parish Council to advise that their clients would be interested in selling the land to the Parish Council if they wished to purchase it.

The land is registered as an Asset of Community Value. It is also shown in the Local Plan as a Green Space. Of course, the central part of the village is a Conservation Area.

Parish Councils are required by law to provide allotments if there is a resident requirement for them which there demonstrably is.

The Parish Council discussed the matter and instructed a Solicitor specialising in allotment law to enter into the necessary preliminary enquiries regarding its purchase.

Then Covid -19 struck and matters slowed right down.

Things are now moving again.

If it were to go ahead, the project would probably be financed partly from Parish Council funds, partly by way of a loan and partly by way of Grant. Further details will be published on this website when they become clear.

Given that it is not possible to hold a public meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions, it would be helpful if residents could record on this website (<https://www.hugofox.com/community/hartlip-parish-council-16707/home>) by Monday 21 September 2020 whether in principle they are in favour or against this proposal.

Graham Addicott OBE
Chairman of Hartlip Parish Council.
29 August 2020.