

WALBERSWICK ALLOTMENTS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

21st April 2016.

The Allotments at the moment are fully let, but I wish that the Allotment Holders would tend their plots more diligently, I have been getting it in the neck about the state of the plots, but really it is nothing to do with me, When I was a Parish councillor many years ago, I took on the task of collecting the Allotment rents, to ease the burden of the Parish Council Clerk, in the beginning there were 11 allotments, these were later sub divided and now there are 33 plots of various sizes, to do the paperwork and collect the money, (people never seem to be in, or they are away and will be back sometime), check the water meter and pay for the water, which we get from the Caravan site Water Main and complete the Plan for the next year, that all takes time and if I can complete the task within a month I think myself lucky.

Over the last few years the Allotments have sort of run themselves, but I think that there ought to be an Allotment Association formed to manage the day to day running of the allotments by the Allotment Holders themselves, we all can see that the Parish Council is struggling to find people for a proper election which last happened many years ago.

The rent for an Allotment is £6.00 for the smallest Plot 25m x10 m and a whole length 100m x 10m is only £12.00 . Water rate is collected and paid for separately, to the Manager of the Caravan Site, it being metered onto the Allotments, the Allotment holders each pay a share of the total amount for the use of the water, which could be around £3.50 per year.

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