



Background information for items to be voted on by members

1. Site Gate to be kept locked at all times

The vehicle gates to the site are frequently open when no one is present on the site.

A theft of a box containing tools from a plot near a gate has occurred. This has been reported to the police.

Leaving the gates opens means opportunistic thefts of tools and produce are more likely to occur.

The rising cost of food makes opportunistic theft more likely.

There has, to my knowledge, never been anyone attacked on the site. However if a lone worker was seen by or challenged an intruder perpetrating a crime this is a possibility.

The pedestrian gate into Van Diemens is always kept locked.

If gates are always locked then no one has to worry about locking anyone in.

Many allotments have this policy.

It means all plot holders should carry their key at all times.

The Committee Propose that all the site gates should be kept locked at all times.

2. Change of status of allotment site to an ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ACV)

The land is owned by the Chinnor Parish Council.

The current Council are appreciative of the value of the allotments however a future Council may have a different view.

CAGA would need to apply to have the site listed on the ACV register. Our South Oxfordshire and Oxfordshire councillors would support such an application and help us.

If, in the future, the Council wished to sell the site, if the site is an ACV then they cannot sell the land without a six week moratorium in which CAGA can decide if it wishes to put in a bid for the land. If CAGA decide to put in a bid for the land then a six month moratorium is then enacted. During which time CAGA can try to raise the money and put in a bid for the land. Whilst this does not prevent the Parish council from selling the land it makes it more difficult and gives CAGA opportunity to look for the funding for example by applying for a lottery grant.

The Committee propose registering the site as an ACV.

