

Petition to Alderbury Parish Council from Allotment Holders on Southampton Road Site

1. We deplore the lack of communication with SRAA members about Longford Estate's sale of the site to a development company, whose plans may affect the continued occupation of the allotments.
2. We are aware that the Parish Council minutes of 7th October 2021 includes a reference to the sale, but there was no action taken to inform, nor to consult with, SRAA members at the time, nor since. A Licence was issued to the new owner, but again without any consultation.
3. We believe that SRAA members should now take action to research the possibility of a replacement site (so it is available if it becomes necessary), and to apply for improvements to the current site if it is guaranteed to be available beyond 2026.
4. We believe that there should be action taken now to clarify the current situation, and for the Chair of the Parish Council to agree that we engage with the new owner to determine their commitments to the allotments' area, and the timescales.
5. We would welcome a date for an AGM, which has not happened for three years. This requires confirmation from the Treasurer about when he will close the SRAA accounts at the end of the current year; notice should be given of available dates two months in advance, and accounts and previous minutes distributed to all members before the AGM.

Dated: April 2022