

## Wraxall and Failand Parish Council

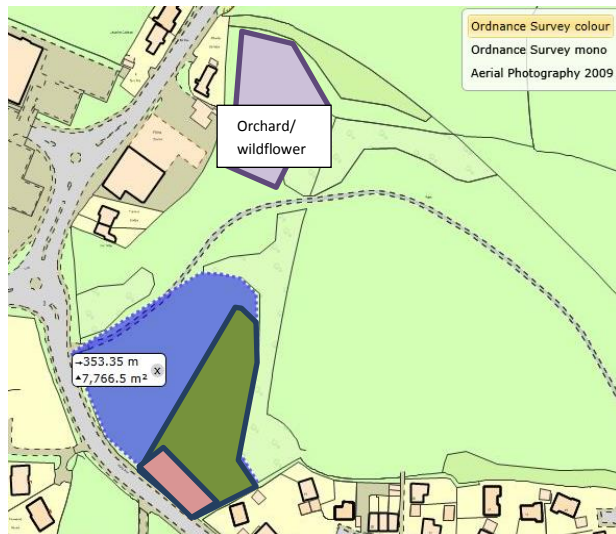
### Request for interest and support for proposed allotment sites



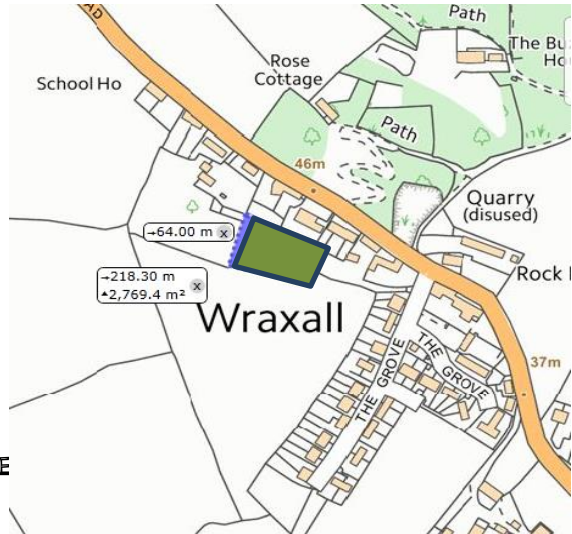
Dear Resident

We have received a request from a resident of “The Elms” for your Parish Council to consider providing allotments and who has proposed the use of part of the land in Lodge Lane owned by North Somerset Council and designated as “amenity land”. It has further been proposed that a Community Orchard/Wildflower Meadow be developed at a later stage. Your Parish Council has raised the proposal with North Somerset Council and was asked to approach local landowners with a view to identifying other suitable sites. Two alternative sites were offered for consideration and one site in Wraxall Village is considered as a suitable option.

#### LODGE LANE PROPOSAL



#### WRAXALL VILLAGE PROPOSAL



These maps set out the locations of the two sites (shaded in green for the allotment and pink for parking) and it should be noted that access rights to existing footpaths will not be affected.

Some background information:

- 1) This proposal can be applied equally to either, or both, the sites.
- 2) At present, residents of Wraxall and Failand Parish are not permitted to apply for allotments at the two allotment sites in Nailsea and, in any event, there is currently a significant waiting list. This proposal envisages preference (but not exclusivity) being given to residents of Wraxall & Failand Parish for these new allotments.

3) The Lodge Lane proposal envisages between 30 and 50 allotments each of 75m<sup>2</sup> and the Wraxall Village proposal envisages between 10 and 20 allotments of a similar size. Each plot will be available for annual rental and although no current rental figure is presently available it is expected to commence at a figure in the region of £20 per year, including water (watering cans only from a common container)

4) It is hoped that anyone interested in applying for an allotment will be prepared to take an active interest in the setting up process. If this Allotment proposal proceeds it is envisaged that an Allotment Association will be formed to represent the interests of the allotment holders.

5) It should be noted that the parking provision will be fairly limited at Lodge Lane and the intention is to permit parking by allotment holders only. It is envisaged that the parking will be close to a newly created entrance on Lodge Lane with fencing and gates allowing access only to the allotment holders. The existing gated entrance/public access will remain unaffected. Parking provision at the Wraxall Village site has yet to be defined.

6) It is proposed that the allotments will be controlled as to the size and height of permitted structures on each plot to ensure that the visual impact is minimised.

7) It is intended that allotments will have properly defined boundaries with animal proof fencing.

8) It is intended that secure storage will be provided, possibly using one or more ex-shipping containers of a size necessary to meet the sites demand. If used they will be suitably painted to blend into the site and will be located in an area that has the least visual impact on the site. As a result the necessity for individual storage (and its visual impact) will be minimised.

9) In respect of the Lodge Lane site, it is recognised that the purchase price for residents of the first phase of The Elms development included a charge relating to the Section 106 agreement (1990 Town and Country Planning Act) requiring the developer to purchase the green space and cycle paths to the north of The Elms and pass it to North Somerset Council as "amenity land", i.e. not for development.

Your Parish Council is seeking responses from all residents in the Parish who may be interested in renting an allotment at one or other of the two proposed sites, or support the proposal, AND residents who would prefer that the proposals do not proceed. If you wish, you are welcome to briefly explain the reason for your viewpoint.

We would be grateful if you could complete the reply slip below and return in the in the polling boxes for the Wraxall Village Walk Poll at Budgens, Failand Post Office, or the Wraxall Club, or email our Parish Clerk ([clerk@wraxallandfailand-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wraxallandfailand-pc.gov.uk)) by 12 April 2015, stating your name and address.

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**REPLY SLIP FOR ALLOTMENTS** (*\*Please delete as appropriate*).

- a) I am interested in renting an allotment (please indicate your site preference)
- b) Support the proposal for allotments at Lodge Lane – Yes or No \*
- c) Support the proposal for allotments in Wraxall Village – Yes or No \*
- d) Support the proposal for a Community Orchard in the location on the map – Yes or No \*

Signed

Address

Post Code