Amenities Committee 27 August 2025 ITEM 10

Allotment Statement

1. Purpose of the report

To agree a public statement from the Council regarding the Allotments following a recent announcement from the Government.

2. Recommendation

To approve the statement below for release.

3. Proposed Statement

Public Statement from Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council
Re: Roeshot Hill and Walkford Road Allotments

Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council would like to reassure residents that it has no plans whatsoever to dispose of its allotments at Roeshot Hill or Walkford Road.

Recently the Deputy Prime Minister announced the relaxation of allotment rules, to allow local councils to sell off land for development. Since then we have received a number of enquiries from concerned residents. We want to make it absolutely clear that our allotments are important community assets, and there are no plans to dispose of them now or in the future.

We recognise the vital role that allotments play in promoting health, wellbeing, sustainability, and community cohesion. They provide opportunities for residents of all ages to grow their own food, enjoy time outdoors, and connect with others. These benefits are increasingly important as we all seek healthier lifestyles and stronger local communities.

The Parish Council is proud of its allotment sites and the people who tend them, and we remain fully committed to protecting and maintaining them for future generations.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council