Dear Allotment Tenant

Allotment Gardens – Witton Gilbert

The Parish Council have recently received concerns from residents of Acorn Croft regarding allotment management issues and practices on the allotment gardens at Sacriston Lane.

The Parish Council discussed these issues at its meeting held on 7th April 2014 and resolved that the following changes to rules and practices be adopted to assist both residents and allotment tenants.

That the Parish Council place an embargo on any new applications on hens on the allotment gardens until May 2015 to enable a full assessment of the planned maintenance contract on pest control on the allotment gardens which began on 1st April 2014.

That the Parish Council write to all allotment holders informing them that no fires are to be lit on allotments during the hours of 6.00am & 6.00pm. That when fires are lit outside these hours due notice of prevailing winds be taken into account and that under no circumstances fires are to be left unattended.

That the Parish Council write to all allotment holders informing them that any vehicles brought to the allotment gardens through Acorn Croft must be parked on the allotment car park and no vehicles are to be parked on Acorn Croft.

That the Parish Council to assist the clearance of rubbish accumulated on some allotment plots which may have been inherited from previous tenants will make a skip available on Saturday 10th May 2014 between 8 am & 12 noon to enable removal of rubbish in a supervised manner. Please note that no fur and feather or food waste is allowed.

The Parish Councils Allotment Rules can be viewed on the Parish Councils Website at parishes.durham.gov.uk/wittongilbert and should you wish to speak to me regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours faithfully

George Thompson
Parish Clerk