

STATEMENT

The Parish Council have been criticised for closing the Watery Lane allotments in response to the Coronavirus crisis. It is important that allotment holders understand and appreciate the reason for this action.

There are in total some 120 plots on the Watery Lane site meaning that potentially well over 100 people could be on site at any one time. The parish Council are concerned that transmission of the virus could occur through;

- Use of communal facilities such as taps and toilets
- People congregating in groups and not maintaining social distancing
- Lack of hot water on site for hand washing
- Disposal of waste and rubbish

The Parish Council are also mindful of the fact that the majority of allotment holders are in the “at risk” over 70 group who are likely to be staying at home to self isolate in compliance with government guidance.

We all hope to see a swift end to this crisis but it will only happen if we all play our part in containing the spread of the virus.

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