

Timeline for investigation to sell current allotments and purchase land for replacing them.

The Parish Council decided to look into the possibility of getting permission for developing the allotment land opposite the school. After fulfilling all the governments criteria for selling the site it left the Council with the task of replacing the land by purchasing another appropriate piece of land.

Because of previous criticism of the Council's selling of land it was agreed to appoint a land agent to deal with all the legalities and complexities surrounding purchase of land.

On the 3rd of August 2020 after meeting the representatives of 3 companies it was decided to appoint Mr. James Wood of Bidwell's to handle the business.

Mr. Wood contacted ALL local landowners whom the Parish Council felt might be interested in selling land.

3 sites were offered, showing limited interest but after 3 or 4 meetings with each, none of these potential and acceptable sites came to fruition.

At the same time the Parish Council contacted Norfolk County Council to ask if they would be interested in selling the land we have rented from them for the last 80 years.

Mr Wood has had several protracted meetings with the Norfolk County Council's estates manager but after 4 years of difficult negotiations the Parish Council has decided that the price demanded by NCC was too excessive to consider being way above average agricultural rate.

The project has now been put on hold and as agreed by Councillors will be revisited in May/June 2025 unless there are any developments before then.