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| **Services and Facilities Committee Meeting** |  A black and white drawing of a church  Description automatically generated  Market Drayton Town Council |
| **Agenda Item: Allotment Lease** |
| **Date: 6 March 2025** |
| **Appendix : SF167** |

**BACKGROUND**

The Allotment Society committee has approximately 10 members, all of whom are plot holders or plot holders partners, There is a Chair, a secretary and a treasurer; the committee meet roughly 4 times a year to discuss issues and plan.

They manage the three sites, Buntingsdale Road, Sherwood Crescent and off Rowan Road, approximately 55 plots in total. The plots are classed as either “full” “half” or “quarter” and cost £38, £20 and £13 respectively. The smaller quarter plots are a recent addition as there are more people interested in having smaller ones. All plots are currently let and there is a waiting list of around 25 people.

The association currently has approximately £4k in their main account and £900 in a separate account that holds the plot holders deposit payments. The funds are used for general maintenance, insurance, web site, postage, skips, hedges, fences, gates, tree pruning etc.

The Association pays the Town Council a nominal sum of £50 per year to lease the allotments. The Town Council budgets £1,000 per year to cover allotment expenses, previously paying for new fences and gates.

An updated lease has been produced, copy attached.

**PROPOSAL**

To issue the updated lease to the Allotment Society.