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Sent: 31st January 2012

To: Clerk Staplehurst Parish Council

Subject: Allotment Group Update

Introduction

Meeting on 20th January 2012 in attendance Cllrs Buller, John Kelly, Manning.

The Allotment Group have been in constant contact with the Manager, and indirectly with the Director of Nellsar Ltd, in the hope of negotiating a lease of land at Abbotsleigh Care Home.

To date despite letters, e-mails and numerous phone calls over a period of six months there has been no response from the company to confirm a maximum term of a lease and the minimum rental as requested in writing on the 21st November 2011.

Cllr Buller recently approach the Manager, Karen Pain, of Iden Manor to enquire if there was land available at the Manor for a community allotment.

The Group met the Manager on the 30th January and whilst acknowledging that there was a large tract of land in the ownership of the Manor, and she personally would support a community allotment within the grounds, she recommended contacting the owners through the General Manager of The Whitepost Health Care Group, Redhill regarding the possibility of making land available to the Parish Council for this purpose.

Whilst in the vicinity of Woodland House (NHS) we took the opportunity to follow up the letter from Rebecca Clack (Clinical Support Worker) that the Clerk circulated to Councillors.

Ms Clack was unavailable but will make contact to discuss the contents of her letter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) To leave the delayed response from Nellsar Ltd re Abbotsleigh on the table
- 2) To follow up the meetings with Iden Manor and Mrs Clack at Woodland House
- 3) To continue cold calling within the village.