

Press Release

Beehives at Churchtown Allotment

Saltash Town Council is committed to continuing the work already established to protect and enhance the environment wherever possible.

This includes initiatives such as introducing no pesticide weeding in the town which includes investing in equipment that will enable the efficient control of weeds and moss without the need to use herbicides. Saltash Town Council works closely with groups such as Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) to plant wildflower areas across the town and establish these areas to attract wildlife.

Saltash Town Council recognises the importance of bees and beekeeping for the environment, ecology, and educational benefits they provide for the community.

To further build on this good work it was agreed at the Services Committee held on 21st April 2022, to continue to allow beekeepers to retain some of the beehives at Churchtown allotment.

It was proposed by Councillor Peggs, seconded by Councillor Foster and RESOLVED to delegate to the Acting Town Clerk to:

1. Ensure there is ~~only~~ a maximum of nine beehives on Town Council land located behind Churchtown allotments
2. Appoint the Town Council's solicitor to work up a formal agreement between the beekeepers and the Town Council, at a cost to the Town Council within budget allocating to budget code 6418 professional fees
3. Invoice rental charges at a cost of £50 per beekeeper per annum
4. Ensure the three beekeepers continue to maintain the Saltash Town Council area of land on which the beehives are situated
5. Ensure the three beekeepers provide a copy of their insurance certificate for Town Council records
6. Work up a risk assessment to include the beehives to be shut down for a period as required to allow for any Town Council maintenance works and tree surveys to be carried out safely.

End of Press Release.