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CHINNOR ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION REJECTS FOOTPATH PLAN

CHINNOR ALLOTMENT AND
GARDEN ASSOCIATION MEETING.

At the Annual Meeting of the Chinnor Allotment and Garden Association, held last week in the Reading Room, members voted overwhelmingly to reject the suggestion that a footpath be created from Willow Road, through to Station Road. Fears that crops would be spoiled or stolen were the main objections, but others saw the footpath as the first steps to develop and sell the whole of the remaining allotments. The request for the footpath had been made to the Parish Council by residents of Cherry Tree, Beech and Willow Roads, who wanted a safer passage for their children to the new school in Station Road. The Parish Council had agreed, in principle to the request, providing the tenants of the allotments had no objections. A previous request to the Council had also been turned down and the alternative of creating a footway which would link Willow Road and Van Diemens had brought opposition from owners of the houses in the Close. Residents of the Close also opposed any suggestion that this proposed footway be allowed as they had bought their houses on the understanding that it was a closed estate and not a thoroughfare.

The Meeting approved a suggestion that the future management of the allotments should be in the hands of Allotment Managers, comprising members of the Parish Council and tenants of the Allotments. This new body would take over the maintenance, management and running of the allotments and would pay an annual rent to the Parish Council. They would be responsible for allocating plots, collecting rents and carrying out any improvements needed. One of the first tasks would be to allocate a site for a toilet block, which would serve the needs of the allotment tenants. The Meeting paid tribute to the late Mr. Paddy Barry, who had represented their interests for so long and had also been a member of the Parish Council's Allotments Committee. Mr. Bob Buckingham was re-elected Hon. Secretary of the Association and Mr. Bert Arnold was elected Chairman.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES

The house-to-house collection for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, organised by Mrs. L. Baldwin, realised the sum of £62.65. Thanks to all who collected and gave so generously.