

## **Gravel Pit Allotments Association – proposal to the Parish Council**

**19 January 2010**

Now that the Parish Council has possessory title to Gravel Pit Field, all parties are in a position to move forward with plans to create community allotments on the site.

Following assessment and confirmation of sufficient interest in the project, in April 2009 Gravel Pit Allotments Association was formed and appointed the following officers ;

Suzanne Allan – Chairperson

Michael Atkin – Treasurer

Denise Mitchell – Secretary

A set of rules and a constitution has been agreed by members and a bank account opened. Funding for the project is also underway.

The following proposals are put forward as the basis for establishing a long term relationship between ourselves – Gravel Pit Allotment Association (GPA) and Yapham-cum-Meltonby Parish Council (PC).

- 1) An agreement be signed setting out the terms of lease for Gravel Pit Field from the PC, with a suggested tenure of 99 years.
- 2) A separate tenancy agreement then be established between plot holders and the GPA. The rules and constitution will also apply to those tenants.
- 3) Plots will be allocated to parishioners primarily but flexibility will allow inclusion of those outside the parish dependant on demand. A plot/s will be designated and equipped accordingly for disabled use along with provision for schools and other community groups.
- 4) The PC has kindly agreed to provide a water supply to the field following which GPA will be responsible for annual rating and supply charges.
- 5) Given the community/social improvement aspects of this endeavour we are requesting that no rent be sought in the first year of establishment and a nominal rent thereafter, to be paid in January each year.