

Allotment Working Party Meeting Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 2pm

Attendees: Cllr Lewis Hawke, John and Cathy Page, Jackie Worboys, Lorraine Grey and Gary Ewington

Note taker: Cllr L Hawke

Apologies from Christine Lawrence.

Notes:

1. General discussion of our role and responsibilities was held.
2. What do we wish to achieve – generally a well-kept tidy site in accordance with the tenancy agreement terms, particularly maintenance of paths and standard of cultivation.
3. We then walked round the allotments with the following observations:
Plot 7a needs to be tidied up and paths strimmed
Plot 12A/13A get rid of bushes and willow trees. Leave the walnut tree. Some of this will require a contractor.
Plot 15A as we have commented on a number of instances; it needs a general tidy up and paths strimmed. The working party suggest giving him one more chance.
Plot 5B it needs considerable attention and we have commented on it on several occasions. We suggest they are given a last warning and told so. They either do it regularly or we cease their tenancy the next time.
12B needs a tidy up.
19B needs tidying up and hedge cut and kept cultivated.
18B willow trees are to be removed by the tenant.
4. A general point was strongly made that all the hedges round the site need a severe pruning of trees – some are quite dangerous and large branches are dropping. If they hit a car the Council may be liable for damages. They also have a detrimental effect upon the nearby plots. We think that this will require outside contractors and also a word with Ian Simpson regarding the tree along Pam's Lane. This needs to be done before spring is upon us. We could also end up with extra plots to rent out. A quote for the works needs to be obtained.
5. Date of next Allotment Working Party meeting
Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 2pm commencing at plot 19A.

Decisions for the Council

1. To endorse the notes of the allotment working party and agree with the recommendations
2. To approve a budget for tree works
3. To approve a budget for works required on plots 12A and 13A