

## **Allotment Working Party Meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 2.30pm**

**Attendees:** Lewis Hawke, John Page, Lorraine Grey, Christine Lawrence and Gary Ewington

**Note taker:** Mrs C Helmn

### **Notes:**

1. Members of the working party met at 2.30pm, an earlier time than the scheduled meeting 3pm start time, to review the allotment plots. The following plots did not meet the required standard of cultivation and written notice will be issued:

Plot Number 5b

Plot Number 7b (1)

Plot Number 17b

Plot Number 19b

Plot Number 22b

**Action:** Clerk to write to the tenants of the above plots

It was noted that plot number 15a has seen an improvement in standards.

The working party consider that the tenant for plot numbers 12a and 13a is unable to manage them both and will be approached to see if one plot can be given up as there is a waiting list.

The fence at plot number 9b was commented upon as the working party did not want this to set a precedent for other tenants to follow. The fence posts have been concreted in and should the tenant vacate the plot he will be asked to remove the fence.

2. The working party was concerned that some allotment tenants are not maintaining their paths, as per the requirement in the tenancy agreement. This matter was included in the email sent to all tenants on 11<sup>th</sup> May following the last working party meeting and will be reinforced in further communications.

Clause 8 q) shall be responsible for keeping the path adjacent to the east of the allotment plot neatly cut and trimmed.

3. The working party commented that the strimming carried out this week was not up to the usual standard and long grasses were left at the side of the path e.g. at the bottom of plots, by the BT fence and school hedge.

**Action:** Clerk to write to the contractor voicing the concerns.

**Post meeting note:** the contractor used the mower for this work with the aim of improvement across the allotment site.

4. The bonfire site has an accumulation of items and therefore Gary Ewington and Lewis Hawke will be having a bonfire on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Allotment holders can put any burnable items arising from their allotment plot on the pile.

**Action:** Gary Ewington and Lewis Hawke to hold a bonfire.

5. RE: dead trees on southern boundary (tag 5645) and on Hall Lane overhanging the allotments. Email from Savills dated 14<sup>th</sup> May *we have asked a local tree surgeon to inspect and make a recommendation to us as soon as possible*. The local tree contractor has submitted a quote for the works to Savills and they are waiting for a second quote. The Clerk has been in touch with the local contractor who will also push Savills to give the go-ahead.

**Action:** Clerk to chase Savills for a date when the tree works will be carried out.

6. WhatsApp group – about 4 tenants took up the offer of joining the WhatsApp group administered by Gary Ewington. It was noted that communications need to use emails, Facebook and WhatsApp to ensure coverage to all tenants.