

Drinkstone Parish Council

Allotments

Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated 2nd September 2019

Agenda Item; Councillor portfolios

During the last month I have visited both sets of allotments and can report that the general condition is good on both sites. However there is an issue with 2 trees adjacent to the Rattlesden Road site. One is an Oak tree fronting Rattlesden Road itself (photos below)



This tree has some dead wood and is in need of some pruning. I believe previously the council have contacted Suffolk Highways regarding this but to date have had no reply. A figure of £450 has previously been quoted for this work. It looks as if this tree falls outside the boundary of the allotments.

Similarly there is an Ash tree 10 metres directly behind the Oak which is suffering from Ash die back and has a number of dead branches over hanging the allotments. Broken branches and debris are falling off onto some of the allotment plots.



The Parish tree warden has advised that in time this tree will need to be felled and it would be prudent to budget £500 for this when we come to set the budget and precept for next year.

All outstanding rents on the allotments have now been paid and I am also carrying out a review of rents and terms and conditions in line with reports published by other authorities and will submit my findings and recommendations at a future meeting.

There is one vacant plot on Rattlesden Road currently being used as a tree nursery for the parish with nobody on the waiting list and one person on the waiting list for a plot on Gedding Road.

The Annual return for the Charities commission is outstanding although we have until the end of the year to complete and submit this.

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