

Drinkstone Parish Council

Tree Warden's Report

Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated 4th Oct 2021

Agenda Item; Councillor Portfolios

1. Tree and Hedgerow Planting: Queens Green Canopy Project (QGC)

I have recently taken part in another zoom meeting with the organisers of QGC Project in Suffolk, and can report that SALC are doing a great job in getting parishes involved, particularly where they don't have a parish Tree Warden. QGC is being treated as a key part of the Festival of Suffolk which will kick off in 2022.

I have reserved orders for 50 Oak and Hornbeam trees to be planted on field boundaries on 2 farms in the parish and 100 metres of native mixed hedging to infill gaps on 5 other sites including Rattlesden Road Allotments. I hope that another farmer will confirm in mid October his intention to plant field boundary trees and I will do a supplementary order to the Suffolk Tree Wardens Network if this comes through.

2. Tree Protection, Hamlett House Rattlesden Road

I have received several complaints from local residents about tree works carried out on at least 4 large willow trees on this site which were supposed to be retained and also protected by fencing under the terms of the planning permission granted by Mid Suffolk District Council. I have been in extensive e:mail correspondence with Mid Suffolk's Tree and Enforcement Officers over these matters but have not received satisfactory assurances from them that action will be taken to protect these and other trees on the site.

Councillor Peter Holborn,
Drinkstone Parish Tree Warden