

Allotment Report for Meeting 4th July

Rattlesden Road Allotments.

Work was carried out on the Oak that was causing problems overhanging the Rattlesden Road allotments.

[Heavily reduce the lowest limb on the allotment side of the tree back in line with the fence/gate. Not recommend complete removal of this limb as it would leave a large wound on the main trunk that could in time rot back into the rest of the tree, making it unsafe. Then lightly reduce any other overextended limbs above the allotments. Leave the logs in manageable pieces piled in situ under the tree.]

Gedding Road Allotments.

Work was carried out on multi stemmed Horse chestnut causing problems on Gedding Road Allotments.

[Re coppice the entire tree at hedge level. Leave the logs in manageable pieces piled in situ under the tree.]

Statement to be read out at the meeting.

One email of complaint by a resident was received and answered by Cllr Youngs while on holiday and also Michael Lambert on behalf of the Trustees. Copies of this correspondence are held by the clerk. The complaint was that the horse chestnut tree on the Gedding Road allotments had been destroyed.

The tree has been re coppiced. It is true to say that it has not been done for many years and has become a problem to allotment holders for obvious reasons. The tree has not been destroyed and will regrow as it has done in the past after its previous coppicing. As to the effect on the water levels this will not occur as the tree will continue to regrow as it did in the past and will if anything use more water in order to attain maximum growth.

It is hoped that any work needed in the future will be done as the need arises and not wait until any work required creates any unrest or bad feeling amongst allotment holders and residents. That is not the intention of the trustee's or any other interested persons and I do apologise for any distress caused. Of course to balance this there are others who will benefit from this coppicing.

Christine Lambert. Cllr responsible for allotments and Trustee.

