

Notes from allotment inspection February 2018

Inspection was postponed due to inclement weather but was completed on 22nd February

The focus of the inspection was to look at structures and boundaries

Netherfield Hill

Fern Burgess & John Boryer in attendance

All plots are acceptable.

Fern's shed is not sited on her plot. This can remain but if a new shed is required then the Council expects this to be relocated.

With the planning application submitted for the land owned by Optivo a discussion took place regarding the possible addition of a water supply for the allotments.

JdG advised Netherfield Hill plots are charged at a reduced rate due to the lack of a water supply. Fern agreed to speak with the plot holders to ask if they would like a water supply with a possible increase in costs.

The path between plots 3 & 4 has become narrowed. This is on the edge of plot 3, Michael to place a marker line in on plot 3 to show the plot edge.

Michael to replace/repair plot marker posts.

Virgin's Croft

Trevor Henning & Glenna Favell in attendance.

Letters to plot holders required:

Plot 3 – Remove rusty water container

Plot 4 – Remove unused racking, metal frames and glass

A fence along the back of a Virgin's Lane property has been replaced but the outer boundary line has not been cleared which is leaving brambles across the path way. BTC to send a letter to the resident. Michael to confirm which property.

2 properties appear to have access onto the allotment site, this is to the rear of plot 9. BTC to contact the property owner and request access is closed off.

The wall at the side of plot 6b (unoccupied) which belongs to the adjoining property is in disrepair and is falling onto the allotment site. BTC to ascertain property address and write requesting the wall is repaired or removed.

Michael will clear rubbish on the site as it's origins are unknown and repair/replace plot markers.

Watch Oak

Christine Coleman & Glenna Favell in attendance.

Lots of vacant plots.

Plot 12a requires fence maintenance.

Michael to make safe the nails of the decking of vacant plot. Plot markers to be replaced/repared.

Cherry Gardens

Keith Harmer, Anne Gavin and Glenna Favell in attendance.

No specific plot issues to raise. All sheds and structures are safe. Where structures are outside the boundaries of the plots a request for a new shed will be considered on an individual basis.

The soil mound at the bottom of plot 32 is being cleared by the current plot holder but this is not an area he is paying for. BTC to consider options to clear this area.

The boundary hedge access was inspected. Michael will maintain hedge where he has access.

Michael will clear rubbish from the back of plots 20 and 25, a notice will then be placed advising that nothing is to be left in the area.

The siting of the tap has led to a muddy patch appearing which is slippery. Michael will make a step.

A meeting has taken place with Little Park Farm and it has been agreed the ash trees on the boundary of plots 33 to 39 can be felled but this cannot be completed until the autumn due to crops already sown.

Michael to repair/replace plot markers.

Notes compiled by J de Garston