

## **Allotment inspection report January 2019**

This inspection was predominantly to review the safety of structures and the general condition of the sites. All sites are looking appropriately maintained.

### **Cherry Gardens** KHarmer, AGavin, SC, JdG

5 vacant plots

One plot has been vacated and left in a poor condition. The plot was subject to a £25 deposit and this has not been refunded.

**Action:** SC to clear and burn rubbish where possible. Once cleared the plot will need work to clear grass which has grown over all cultivatable areas.

A request for chickens has been received by the Town Council from a central plot. Permission has been granted as the tenancy agreement does not specify which plots can have livestock. This has led to concerns being raised by the allotment association and tenants, due to potential damage caused by rats.

**Action:** JdG agreed to request the Environment Committee discuss this matter at their next meeting.

### **Watch Oak** JPost, SC, JdG

7 vacant plots

A water tank which is buried in the ground on plot 19 was considered a hazard as the board covering the tank is not strong enough to weight bear and to leave it open could lead to animals or persons falling in.

**Action:** The inspecting group agreed the tank should be filled with solid matter as it would be expensive to arrange to have it removed. Hazard tape to be applied to the exposed edges to identify a trip hazard. SC to complete this.

### **Virgins Croft** LBird, SC JdG

TH was unavailable to attend the inspection and had asked Mrs Bird attend to represent the allotment tenants.

5 vacant plots

No concerns have been raised regarding the site.

A request has previously been received for tree work to be undertaken on the boundary which is causing shadows on plot 2. Quotations for the work are being sought.

### **Netherfield Hill** FBurgess, SC, JdG

No vacant plots

A frame has been erected on a plot without permission. The purpose of the frame is unclear however, it appears to be a polytunnel. FB advised this could present a concern with regard to shadowing.

**Action:** JdG to contact the tenant to remind of the need for permission and suggest the structure be relocated within the plot.

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