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ALLOTMENT SITES FAVERSHAM 2019/20

We have 4 sites currently running, 2 of the sites are managed by the site committees, which are Stonebridge and Millfields. North Preston is being overseen by FTC, with the assistance of Les as treasurer, work to get new committee not started due to Co-vid. St Nicholas has a group/committee which FTC are overseeing until such time we can get a signed agreement completed which has been held up due to Planning and Co-vid.

All sites have managed well over the last year during the lockdown, following all the government guidelines.

Zoom meeting 28th October 2020, with all committees, all agreed slight increase in plot prices from 2021/22.

Stonebridge

- We are still getting issues with break ins; I have managed to use anti climb paint on one wall that is not listed. They are accessing the site from different locations. Small spikes have been added to tops of gates as a deterrent. Works on going.
- We have arranged to clear overgrown fig trees in Davington hill.
- The wall that was taken down to allow for access for the new bridge is still down, this is affecting one plot holder. I have not heard from KCC as when this will be reinstated as this dependant on the new bridge.

Millfields

- We had issue with fallen branches, overgrown trees that were looking very dangerous, these were Poplar trees, I was informed they rot from the inside, so difficult to survey. We arranged for the reduction of 4 large poplars.
- We were looking to replace the water main to site as the meter and stop cock for site is in a resident's driveway, the cost of this looks to be too expensive, now looking to try and arrange for meter stop cock to be moved to the green open space?
- Grant was received for these works but believe they need to change the priority as they have problems with roof on the communal building.



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North Preston

- With no committee it has been down to me to arrange site visits when possible also to speak with plot holders if have any issues. Cllr Williams Has assisted me with this
- Had couple of issues during lockdown with plots not being worked but all been addressed.
- Chicken welfare was also an issue with one plot, took advice from National allotment association and arranged a Vet to attend and complete a welfare site visit, any cost was to FTC, at this time had report back but no invoice.
- With the report I was able to discuss with the plot holder, who has now given up his tenancy agreement. New tenant found and on plot.
- It was agreed to amend the tenancy agreement on this site regarding Chickens. Following the national guidelines all plot holders with chickens will need to register with a local Vet, no cost to do this. FTC to arrange annual vet inspection.
- All Plots are now full, all tenancy agreements signed, all Plot fees paid in full to Les the treasurer.

St Nicholas

- All available plots are now taken.
- We still have waste mound left over from works to clear site, this hopefully will be cleared with the assistance of the adjoining site, there will be a cost to FTC.
- Ongoing problems with planning due to height of our fence. I am now in discussion with the adjoining site as advised by SBC planning. They want to remove 18 panels of our West fencing, gifting us the little bit of land to connect into their boundary. Then landscape the rest of the West boundary. Discussion on heights and our site safety on going. Still may need to reduce the North fence to 2m? once I know more ill inform Cllr Williams and this committee.



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2021/22

FTC will continue to support the allotment committees, assisting with works using the budget provided. The Master waiting list is managed by FTC, copy of list is sent out each month to each secretary. We have been in contact with Perry court development as they have a new allotment site going in with about 20 plots, I have already 6 people on this waiting list. Not sure when this will be handed over to us.

Looking to arrange another Zoom Meeting for the beginning of February 2021.

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