

ALLOTMENTS

The 4 sites we have are all running very well, I have visited and spoke to all the committee leaders on all of the sites for problems works etc they need.

They all have my details so can email/call with problems as well.

STONEBRIDGE.

I have had a meeting with sally the committee leader and have discussed issues they are having on site. These are listed below,

The fence along Davington hill at the back of the allotment site is starting to fall down and is currently starting to lean into the road this will need repairs due to being a safety hazard and could potentially obstruct the road the fence is picket type fence held together by metal wire which won't be high in costings I have arranged for this to get looked at for an official quote.

Furthermore, another issue was a bridge on site which was originally built by swale the wood underneath the bridge has started to rot which has caused the bridge to become uneven and bouncy as you walk along as said before this could lead to another health and safety issue and will most definitely worsen through winter this year if not dealt with. Myself and one of the tenants on Stonebridge who has done repairs to other bridges on site before has offered to do the works alongside me so it will be the case of getting the right materials from Jewson's and repairing it all the metal structure of the bridge is in good condition so only the timber will need replacing if permission is granted to do so.

MILLFIELD

An update from the previous report Millfield has officially got a new secretary and the town council have supplied them with a new petrol hedge trimmer which was requested by the Millfield committee.

The only current problem at Millfield is the hedgerow on site it has massively overgrown and will need James stickles with the assistance of me to trim back. The quote from James came to £950 but works cannot be completed till later on this year due to birds nesting.

NORTH PRESTON

The removal of the rubbish behind the boundary fence was completed late last year by myself, Adam and Kenny Boswell on site after the job was completed the fence was repaired and restored to its previous state by ourselves.

No further problems have been reported to me on site since this incident.

ST NICHOLAS

The fence issue/plans have been discussed at a meeting with myself the building site owner and the deputy mayor (Eddie Thomas) the conclusion was that the town council would take the extra land gifted by Lindon homes will all legal fees and paperwork covered by them. All rubble and building material waste has been asked to be removed by the company before the land is transferred. Further details are being discussed such as dates timing and procedures.

Two lots of works were recently done on st Nicholas allotments I had organised a tree which was overgrown and needed pruning on the site cut back by James stickles who did a excellent job and made sure the tree itself was safe to be cut back for the time of year which it was. Furthermore, I had Marcus (womble services) do a waste removal on site and cleared and disposed of all general waste and scrap which turned out well and made the site look neater.

Joseph Hannah
Facilities Apprentice
11th July 2022

Recommendations

The following recommendations are made:

1. The chestnut paling fencing at Stonebridge was erected in 2017. Section 6.1.14 of the Stonebridge Allotment Agreement, states the Allotment Association should keep all fences, hedges, boundary features and gates along the boundaries of the Allotment Site in good repair (except for the blast wall). The Facilities Apprentice to investigate why this is leaning into the road, whether there are any obstructions from the allotment side causing this and if it has been maintained during this period, before seeking

quotes for its repair. Any future repairs may be work the Facilities Manager can undertake.

2. To review the required repairs to the bridge at Stonebridge and receive a quotation for the materials required. To note the Stonebridge Allotment Agreement 7.1.4 states the Town Council agrees to share responsibility of the bridges via matched funding.
3. To confirm where the Millfield hedgerow that requires, as Section 6.1.13 of the Millfield Allotment Agreement states the Allotment Association to keep all fences, hedges, boundary features and gates along the boundaries of the Allotment Site in good repair. We are responsible for the poplar trees only. Furthermore, I have sourced LANTRA training courses in hedge trimming and chainsaws, it would be more cost effective for the Facilities Manager and Facilities Apprentice to undertake these courses in the long term.
4. Land transfer at St Nicholas Allotments and the removal of fencing. It is unlikely that we can find anyone who can make use of the fencing. Any scrap value will be lost in the cost to have it removed. Land transfer and legal matters should be referred to the Town Clerk to expedite. Facilities Apprentice to see if anyone will pay to remove the fencing.

Louise Bareham
Town Clerk
11th July 2022