

Agenda item 9

Hello Geoffrey & Kevin

Thank you for your response.

I just want to re-emphasise the concerns of the Allotment Committee vis a vis its existing hedge.

Firstly, the height of the hedge around the top end and one side of the allotment site is approaching 3 metres and causing allotment holders real concern for reasons of it becoming impossible for individuals with plots adjacent to the hedge to maintain - in other words, to prune. The attached photos demonstrate how it is also outgrowing its function as a simple boundary and, without attention, the hedge is likely to grow into individual beech trees.

Secondly, the new holder of Plot No 20 (Carol Dennett) - where the photos were taken - feels understandably overwhelmed by the task of returning the hedge adjacent to her allotment to a manageable proportion. This specific allotment has had no cultivation (or upkeep) for more than two years so it's not a surprise that the hedge has got out of hand.

On both of the above counts, I would request the Town Council to override current rules about maintaining the hedge and provide appropriate support to remedy the situation.

Best wishes

Peter

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