

Blackshaw Parish Council

Allotment Inspection: Thursday 22nd June 2017 7:00pm
Attendees: Cllr Goodman, Cllr King

Parish Council Area:

- RHS boundary with Naze
 - Overhanging tree branches from Naze
- RHS of path
 - covered in brambles plus some *himalayan balsam*
- Path
 - MOT seems to have bedded down well.
- LHS of path
 - recent grass cut
 - some tree branches nearly overhanging pavement.
- Community fruit tree area
 - recent grass cut
 - some trees pruned and protected with mesh
- Community fruit bushes area
 - recent grass cut
 - benches clear
 - 3 to 4 bushes still missing at end plot 1
 - overhanging tree branches.

Charlestown Allotments General Area:

- RHS boundary & 1m path with Naze
 - Fine
 - Fence currently half painted (work in progress)
- LHS boundary & 1m path with Woodman Pub
 - Fine
 - Partly covered with rubble removed from plot 8
- Front boundary & 1m path
 - Fine
 - Partly covered with rubble removed from plot 8
- Rear boundary
 - Not clear, fencing covered in places, can not fully assess.
 - Brambles, soil, some *himalayan balsam*, over hanging branches from the Naze railway cutting garden.
- Community Shed
 - Shed needs a few repairs

Charlestown Allotments Plots (with reference to Tenancy Agreement and Schedule):

- **TA4.3** 1/4 under cultivation after 3 month
 - All 3 new plottolders have met this condition.
- **TA4.3** 3/4 under cultivation after 12 months:
 - 3 existing plottolders have met this condition.

- 2 existing ploholders have failed this condition. (1 with no cultivation, 1 with sparse cultivation)
- **S1.2** not plant any trees other than dwarf fruiting trees or fruiting bushes without prior consent of the council
 - Many ploholders have failed this condition. (Plots have fruit trees and bushes yet no written permission has been received.)
- **S2.3** public paths must be kept clear at all times
 - 1 ploholder has failed this condition (mentioned above)
- **S5.1** practice sensible water conservation, utilise covered water butts on sheds
 - 1 ploholder has failed this condition (dismantled provided guttering)
- **S8.1** shall not without written consent of the Council erect any building or pond
 - 1 ploholder has failed this condition (v small uncovered pond in wildlife garden)
- **S8.2** shall keep all sheds, greenhouses ... in good repair
 - All ploholders have met this condition (some sheds could do with being restained/painted)
- **S11.1** will display the plot number provided by the council
 - Plot Number 6 is broken in half.
- **S12.1** parking adjacent to road should be for loading and unloading only
 - See below

Suggested CA Committee Actions:

- **#Priority#** see to *himalayan balsam* (rear boundary)
- **#Priority#** Assist ploholder 8 to clear front and side path
- Clear rear boundary
- Community Shed Repair
- Restain/paint weathered looking sheds

Suggested Blachshaw Parish Council Actions:

- **#Priority#** See to *himalayan balsam* (in parish council area)
- **#Priority#** discuss failures of Tenancy Agreement 4.3
- See to overhanging branches (in parish council area)
- Supply new Number 6

Suggested Blackshaw Parish Council Allotment Committee Actions:

- Discuss at the next Parish Council Allotment meeting (with ploholders)
 - remaining failures of Schedule (S1.2, S2.3, S5.1, S8.1)
 - ownership of community fruit bushes
 - parking adjacent to allotments (S12.1)