



Andover Town Council

To receive an update on complaints from properties alongside allotment sites.

- a. Barlows Lane
- b. The Drove

Item
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Produced for: Allotments Committee

By: Town Clerk

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Barlows Lane:

A resident whose property backs onto some allotment plots at Barlows Lane has complained that Ivy is climbing their fence from the allotment side, and they wish it to be removed as it is now entering their garden.

A message has been sent to all tenants, asking them to clear their plots up to and including the fence line by end of February. If this is not done the Council will arrange for the fence clearance and bill the plot holders individually.

The Drove:

A resident living in King George Road, had contacted the council on 1st December to ask if a meeting could be arranged with Aster and the Town Council to discuss weeds/brambles encroaching into their garden from the allotment site. It should be noted that when the allotment fence was erected, it was placed 6 inches into the allotment boundary.

The Town Clerk responded and asked for photos to help with identification, and these were provided on 7th November.

On 27th November the resident emailed again, and the Town Clerk advised that the matter would be looked at after the Water Supply works at The Drove.

The Allotment Officer and Cllr E Reynolds were asked to look at the fence line and decide on action over the next few weeks. Task was recorded as job 877 in Service Manager.

The issue was looked at by the Allotment Officer and Cllr E Reynolds in the first week of December.

The resident was contacted on 2nd Jan by Cllr E Reynolds to arrange a meeting to discuss actions, which took place on 25th Jan.

Cllr Reynolds also contacted Aster who have failed to respond to date. Officers and Cllr Reynolds do not consider that Aster need to have any involvement in the solution.

The weed clearance has been added to the The Drove Association's work program and will be carried out during February all going well.