

# REPORT FOR ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

The Parish council is keen to make the allotments fit for purpose.

The Parish Council has had several requests for action to be taken at the allotments for following issues.

1. Piped water is available at one side of the allotments. Can we have a pipe fitted to the other side.

THIS HAS NOW BEEN DONE

The initial idea was for the pipe to go to another trough at the far side of the allotment. A trough was purchased and is ready to be installed

The contractor also put another standpipe in the centre of the allotments. Do we need to purchase another trough?

The council is concerned that if a trough is not fitted that the allotment holders would attach a hose and just leave the water running. The water has to be paid for and also it is a waste of a precious resource. **Please discuss.**



2. A resident of Church Park has had his garden and his Garden shed flooded. The shed housed a Freezer which was subsequently damaged. He has asked that we take action to reduce the chance of flooding.

IN JANUARY THE DITCH WAS DUG ALONG THE FENCE LINE TO CHURCH PARK.

During the recent inclement weather, the ditch filled with water, but did not flood his shed. See pictures below







The Allotments also floods see pictures below







The Council feels that it needs to ensure that Church Park does not flood in the future. Although this an Environmental Agency responsibility.

We have discussed what further action needs to be carried out.

The proposal is that

- a. The sheds that are adjacent to the fence to Church park, to be moved to allow the ditch to be extended, allowing a larger catchment area and a larger soakaway.





- b. The ditch that runs along the MOD fence (which continues on to eventually become the Lillybrook) be cleared of vegetation and dug out slightly. The ditch has become a dumping ground and needs to be cleared. In the corner where the MOD fence joins the fence to the playpark the allotment holder has built decking over the ditch. This will need to be removed.





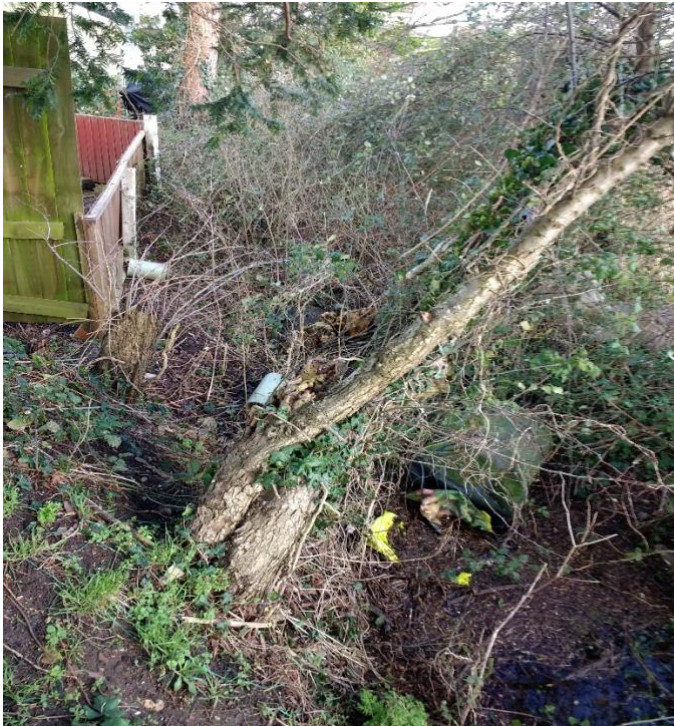












- c. There is flooding at the large gate to the Allotments from the Playpark  
 THE DITCH HAS BEEN DUG OUT AND A NEW PIPE IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING  
 INSTALLED AT THIS LOCATION  
 However, this does not solve the issue. See pictures. I am being told that there is a  
 drainage pipe that runs from the ditch to the road. We are making enquires to find the  
 location and will then try to connect the ditch to the pipe.





New Pipe





d. Flooding at the allotments

The allotments are on a flood plain, and from what I have been told is, that it always floods during heavy rain. I am also being told that the flood recedes fairly quickly. Some flood relief work has been carried out in the past as there is evidence of a French drain being piped into the ditch next to Church Park from the allotments.



See pictures below.







## **The Way ahead**

We at the Council wish to work with the Allotment holders to ensure that this resource is sustainable and available. We would like to hold an online meeting with the Allotment holders to hear what the people that use this amenity would like and what is possible. It would be good to form an Allotment Association or group to manage the allotments. I do not wish to make this onerous, but wish to hear the opinions from those who are allotment holders.