

Allotments

The Finance & Governance committee have asked the Amenities committee to spend the allotment reserves, which equate to £6,000. We asked for projects at each site and have had the following responses.

Clammer Hill

- 1) Re-surfacing the access track off Clammer Hill Road to the gate as it has very deep ruts;
- 2) Clear the spoil between the orchard and hedge adjoining the road which we believe was dumped there after the allotment site was created. It is very overgrown and reclaiming the land would mean space for either more fruit trees or a compost area with bays which we would request the plot holders make; and
- 3) Thin out some of the trees on the western boundary (top of the field) which are blocking light to several plots.

Collards Lane

- 1) Replacing their communal shed (10ft x 8ft) and installing a base, as it is falling down.

Sturt Road

The Council spent money getting an area of Sturt Road cleared in 2019 to make a new plot (SL14c) but it has not been at all successful as a plot. It needs the right person with time and money to put raised beds in and not be put off by the limited light. 18 months later it has been rented to 4 residents, all of whom saw the plot, chatted through the issues and declared they would do the work but none of them have been able to get to grips with it, so it is becoming a problem again.

Proposal

- 1) One of the current ploholders keeps chickens at the site and has expressed an interest in extending his chicken run into this area. Chickens enclosed in a pen will till, scratch and clear away weeds. However, the overgrown growth would need to be trimmed back in the first instance and the plastic ground cover be taken up. We will get a quote to do this.