

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL
Environment Committee
Thursday 22 February 2024

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Information

Meeting with Tenants from Tenth Avenue Wednesday 6 December 2023.

A meeting was convened with two tenants from the Tenth Ave site following several emails with no resolution.

Several points were raised by the tenants which are listed below, one point raised was regarding allotment rents will be dealt with in a separate decision report to Council.

The notice board on site they requested the plastic to be replaced as it is now opaque.

The plastic has now been replaced.

The raised beds / disabled beds as they refer to them the boards are now rotten.

The beds have only ever been used sporadically and when inspected the boards are beyond repair and a decision was made to remove the beds and make good the area. The beds were dismantled in late December 2023 and the reinstatement work will be completed in January 2024 weather permitting.

The tenants raised the car park area and pathway between the plots needing to be risk assessed as they felt it had become a trip/fall hazard.

BTC Officers have assessed the area following the meeting and are of the opinion there is no risk of a trip or fall.

The tenants raised the issue of a plot not being at a high state of cultivation.

Officers have contacted the tenant by letter which stated they had a required amount of time to bring the plot up to the required standard by the stipulated date in the letter. The site was visited on the date stated in the letter and improvements had been made to the plot. A further letter was sent to the tenant following the inspection which advised the plot would be monitored going forward and if improvements stopped this would start the tenancy termination process.

The tenants asked if an online notice board could be investigated solely for allotments. This would be for allotment holders to place comments on and gather information along with notification of meetings.

This has been discussed with Widescope and an online notice board could be added for allotment holders to make comments and examples will be forwarded to officers.

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