

St Nicholas Allotments
Report on Fencing

Timeline

- Title reverted to Faversham Town Council April 2016
- Site was derelict, overgrown with bramble and scrub and many years of accumulated fly-tipped rubbish
- Boundary line established following an encroachment by W T Lamb onto the site April 2018
- Request for fencing quotations made by Community Services Committee (Past Cllrs Abram, Belsom, Flower, Kay, Walker, Wilcox) August 2018
- First fencing quotes received, 10th October 2018
- Further quotes received 19th February 2019
- SBC, Graeme Tuff/David Simmons agreed quotes, cheapest option taken. 22nd March 2019
- Fence works start 10th June 2019.
- Fence works completed 26th July 2019 Approx.
- 4th September 2019 letter of complaint SBC regarding the height of fence above the allowed 2 metres. Fence stands at 2.4 metres.
- 6th September 2019, arrange meet inspector on site.
- 16th December 2019 Planning permission submitted. Questions raised regarding application.
- 14th January 2020, Planning applications submitted all questions answered.
- 30th April 2020, virtual meeting took place, planning agreed

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Historically the allotments went into dereliction due to the insecurity of the site, therefore a secure fence was priority. The boundary with W T Lambs on the western side was originally a sloping bank. It should be noted that a theft took place from the locked container on site while the fencing was being installed.

Despite the process going through a number of people both in Faversham Town Council and Swale Borough Council no one picked up that the fencing required planning permission.

Since the Facilities Manager has been given delegated responsibility for the allotments, processes are running very efficiently.

The previous Swale Borough Council administration had authorised the fencing and were due to provide advanced funding from Section 106 money. This funding is still awaited.

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Town Clerk
5th May 2020