

Drinkstone Parish Council

Tree Warden's Report

Report to the Ordinary Meeting Dated 7th^h March 2022

Agenda Item; Councillor Portfolios

Storm Eunice and the high winds over the following days caused severe damage to several large trees in the Parish including an old oak in Julia's wood, and a big willow beside a pond at Hall Farm. I have inspected all the trees on Parish Council land and All Saints churchyard and have found no significant damage; even the leaning cherry on the Cricket beside Cross Street survived. A branch about 8 feet long was broken off the roadside oak at the entrance to the Rattlesden Road allotments and has become snagged in the overhead wires. I have reported this to UK Power Networks and asked that they remove the branch that is hung up on the wires. In the meantime allotment holders have been warned to take care when entering the allotment and not linger around the entrance.

As Richard Edmondson has said in his report he and I have looked at the Parish Council land that is currently let to Lucy Blake and we agree there is a need to undertake some work to remove the dilapidated fences at junction of Garden House Lane, alongside Rattlesden Road and also undertake hedgerow restoration work when the land comes back in hand in the autumn. We also concluded there is some scope for tree planting in between the overhead lines and underground services at the Garden House Lane end of the plot.

Councillor Peter Holborn
Drinkstone Parish Tree Warden