

# AMENITIES COMMITTEE – June 2016

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 18.00 in the Town Council Office, Fourways 2, 6 Dilston Terrace, Amble.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs C Weir (Chair), J Dargue, M Horn, H Lewis and K Morrison with the Clerk; Miss E Brown.

Actions

**10: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None.

**11: DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** None.

**12: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: (maximum 15 minutes)** None.

**12.1: Amble Allotment Holders Society Report** – It was noted that a letter was still to be sent as previously agreed which would include a request for the date of the next AAHS meeting.

Clerk

## **13: CLERK’S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM:**

**The contents of the Clerk’s Report were noted and any matter arising were considered.**

**13.1: Oak trees from AAHS update** – Unfortunately they have gone however, there may be more to come in the future which will be offered to ATC or donated elsewhere locally.

**13.2: Allotment Wynd entrance water diversion** – The Clerk had made enquiries about piping the spring water into a combined manhole. Northumbrian Water had requested a ‘pre-development enquiry’ be submitted with this request. The Clerk was investigating the costs involved in this.

Clerk

**13.3: Planting update and suggested requirements for Autumn** – Planting plans would be drawn up from an aerial view showing what plants were in each planter in terms of design and numbers and whether they were annual or perennial, so designs and numbers could be decided for an autumn planting plan.

Enviro

Members were pleased with the work to the planters but noted that the High Street garden borders needed cleared of weeds.

**13.4: West Cemetery soil storage update** – A quote was awaited for a concrete base.

Clerk

**13.5: West Cemetery footpath improvements – update** – Quotes were awaited.

Clerk

**13.6: East Cemetery Walls** – quotes for repointed requested by 31st July

Clerk

**13.7: Paddlers snagging list** - this was ongoing.

**13.8: Replacement of bins on the promenade – update.** The bins were due for delivery in mid July.

**13.9: Leazes Street Litter issues** – It was suggested to ask NCC if it was possible to have the skip bin inside the car park at no charge as this would offset the operative time spent clearing this area.

Clerk

**13.10: Bus shelter survey – update on works** – the work were pending the commencement of the Seasonal Worker

**13.11: Sodexo seat – update** – Cllr Weir was to speak to the prison on his upcoming visit to check whether they were ready.

Weir

**13.12: Community Awards/Garden Awards** – Cllrs would discuss nominations for the Community Adults and Juniors. The garden award arrangements were underway.

Cllrs

**13.13: Town Historic Trail info boards update including way markers** – Cllrs Lewis and Weir were to meet to discuss accessories for the way markers.

Lewis/  
Weir

**13.14: The Environmental Operatives timesheets and diary will be available to view in the office on Thursday from 12pm (they are for noting work carried out and not intended for the purposes of monitoring time/movements)** – Members were pleased to see the recorded information.

**13.15: Cllr Dargue updated on her progress with ‘Cycle Friendly Amble’.** She had spoken to Alex Thompson at NCC and Mark Breeze of Breezes Bike, Amble and both had given very positive responses and feedback. The Business Club had also responded positively.

## **14: COMMUNICATIONS:**

**14.1: New Writing North (via Harbour Village) – Wet Paint Project** – The Clerk provided details for information.

**14.2: RoSPA report – Philip Drive Play area** – Members noted the contents of the report and noted that the standards of the play area had somewhat deteriorated. The future of the play area would be looked at when setting the budget later in the year.

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## **15: AGENDA:**

**15.1: To consider the purchase of a water bowser** – The Clerk with Cllrs Horn and Weir were delegated to spend up to £300 on purchasing a square based water butt and accessories to make a water bowser.

Clerk/  
Weir/  
Horn

**15.2: Top consider a memorial seat to be located at Paddlers Park** - - Request for Memorial

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Seat –Members agreed to the placing of a memorial seat at the Bay View Entrance of Paddlers Park, providing wonderful views towards Coquet Island. Mrs Smailes would be asked to cover the cost of the seat, plaque and base.

Clerk

15.3: Retrospective approval of hanging baskets – The Clerk informed that she had purchased 3 ready made hanging baskets for the West Cemetery costing under £100 in total. Members agreed to this.

**16: INFORMATION ITEMS:** None.

### **17: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting date will be held at 6.00pm on 28<sup>th</sup> July in the Council Office preceded by a site visit of the West Allotments at 5.00pm

**It was agreed under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public will be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda due to their sensitive nature.**

### **PUBLIC VERSION OF PRIVATE**

18: Seasonal Worker Update – Members were disgusted at the timescale for progressing this, the Clerk and Chair would discuss with the Head of Service at the next Amble Partnership meeting  
The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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