

Clerks Report – January 2021

171. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

The Council has been formally advised that NCC decided to refuse the boundary change with Warkworth Parish but approve the boundary change with Hauxley Parish. The request for additional members was also refused but review can be requested after more properties are built.

177. FINANCIAL REPORT:

177.5 To note response re: May election costs

Although not officially confirmed yet, it is expected that parishes will have to cover the costs for postal votes in the 2021 elections.

177.6 To discuss and agree the final draft of the 2021-2022 budget and precept request

There have been no comments on the draft budget therefore members are asked to agree.

178. AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: See Clerk's Report

178.1 To seek approval for tree works to Amble East Cemetery

A quote has been submitted for £280.00 – Members are asked to agree

179: PLANNING COMMITTEE

179.2 To note Councils response to felling of tree application on which members were not formally consulted.

The Council has contacted NCC to remind them of their obligation to consult the Town Council when applications are submitted regarding the felling of trees.

179.3 To receive an update in respect of the letter sent to NCC re planning application 20/03189/FUL | Proposed two storey rear extension | 102 Queen Street Amble NE65 0DQ

A letter was sent to NCC Planning re the above application after a number of issues had been reported, including starting works without permission and the serious omission to cap the gas pipe when disconnected, resulting in emergency call outs. There has yet to be a response to this.

179.4 To note Council's letter regarding lack of notification of applications

The Council wrote to NCC to remind them of their obligation to consult on neighbouring developments as these are sometimes missed unless staff specifically look on the portal at other parishes.

179.5 To note response of enquiry to planning department regarding repairs to War Memorial

We have enquired if listed building consent and conservation area approval is required for the stonework repairs to the base of the memorial. NCC have confirmed that this is general maintenance but have requested details on the type of materials proposed to be used. Staff are liaising with contractors.

179.6 To note response re: problems from Persimmon development, Percy Drive

Staff have written to NCC regarding the problems with the Rights of Ways from Percy Drive. A response is yet to be received.

180. AGENDA ITEMS: See Report

180.2 To discuss received quotations for works to High Street Garden

Three quotes have been received for the above. One is for a cost of £800, the other is £932 and another for £725.00. Specifications of the work has been outlined in all quotes circulated.

180.4 To seek retrospective approval for Councils response Anne Marie Trevelyan re the Sewage Bill due to be discussed on 15 January 2021.

The Council was contacted by a resident concerned with the pumping of raw sewage into local rivers without the local population being notified. The resident is therefore requesting the Council to agree to

write to our Local MP to support the Sewage Bill and the work of Rt Hon Philip Dunne MP in ensuring a proposal to discourage any raw sewage discharge. As members agreed via email, a letter was drafted and submitted in advance of the deadline. Members are asked to retrospectively agree.

180.5 To discuss request for speed sign on A1068, NR Alnwick Way

A resident request noted that there was a speed sign being arranged for Acklington Road however their request was for an interactive speed sign on A1068 outside Alnwick Way where the speed van regularly parks. Members are asked to discuss.

180.6 To receive an update on the cycle donation and hand over

Members agreed before the Xmas period to draw names from nominations for the donation of the two bikes. Names were drawn and the winners called on Christmas Eve. Collection is to be arranged.

180.7 To receive an update on the insurance claim re East Cemetery Wall after RTA

Before the xmas holidays there was a crash which damaged the East Cemetery wall. Staff have contacted the insurers and are waiting on a crime number from Northumbria Police so that a claim can be pursued.

180.8 To receive an update if available regarding the offer of free trees

The council received an offer of free trees and suggested using these at the West Cemetery although this did not meet the criteria detailed. Staff made initial investigations and have yet to receive a response as to whether or not this location would be suitable.

180.9 To receive an update on the Coquet Mouth Signage

Due to covid-19, it has not been possible to erect the permanent sign as hoped. However, Cllr Lewis and husband have personally agreed to pay and a temporary one has been erected in its place.

180.10 To receive an update on the Seafarers Memorial

Staff have now received the detailed drawings requested by planning and these have been sent off to supplement the vast amount of information already sent. We now await a response.

180.11 To receive an update on the repairs to Church Street Zebra Crossing Beacon

The beacon remains broken. Both ATC and Northumbria Police are chasing this up.

180.12 Update on Town Car Park

NCC have confirmed that the acquisition has now been finalised and will proceed with design details and investigations. Well done all involved

181. COMMUNICATIONS: See Clerk's Report

181.2 To note anonymous complaint to Cllrs re building works

Members were made aware of an anonymous complaint regarding building works. As this was anonymous response can be made.