

CLERKS REPORT 11 FEBRUARY 2021

189. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

189.1 To receive a brief report from Northumbria Police if available

Members are asked to note the report and raise any questions for feedback.
An update on the meeting re ASB at Church Street Bus Shelter to be given if available.

190. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

190.1 To note the letter to NCC and NCC response regarding the increasing of Cllrs and abolishment of ward system

NCC have formerly responded to state that the request for an increase in Cllrs and abolishment of the ward system has been denied. This does not stop ATC reapplying in the future.

190.2 To note the update on Local Election Arrangements

NCC will soon be contacting all households to ensure the electoral role is as up to date as possible for forthcoming elections. NCC will be promoting postal voting due to the ongoing pandemic.

190.3 To note the information on Postal Vote Charges.

Town and Parish Councils will be asked to pay costs for postal votes- although clarity on exactly what is included is required. It is not yet clear what the period of repayment will be.

196. FINANCIAL REPORT:

196.4 Grant requests

- **Citizens Advice**

A generic grant request has been received from Citizens Advice. As agreed at the May meeting, a donation of £50 will be made.

196.5 To note the submission of the precept request to NCC

The precept request has been submitted to NCC

196.6 To approve the Financial Risk Assessment and appendix for 2021

Members are asked to review the above document and appendix for the forthcoming financial year.

196.7 To approve the Statement of Internal Control 2021.

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197. AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

197.1 To note the minutes of the Amenities Committee 28 January 2021

Members are asked to note the minutes and the outcome of decisions.

197.2 To receive an update on the meeting with Contractor re flooding at unused section of West Cemetery and subsequent quotes for remedial action

Minutes of the above have been circulated. Members are encouraged to meet on site for first-hand clarity should they wish. Members are asked to discuss the quotations received for remedial works and determine how to proceed.

197.3 To receive an update on the offer of free Oak Trees for Amble West Cemetery

ATC were offered free Oak Trees from Friends of the Earth. These will be delivered when available. NCC have agreed to plant these on behalf of ATC and they will be positioned at the fence line near to the Natural Burial Area. Biodegradable tree guards are also being supplied. ATC hope to also receive trees through the NCC scheme.

198: PLANNING COMMITTEE

198.1: To note the planning outcomes for January 2021

Members to note

198.2 To note the outcome of the investigations by Building Control re 102 Queen Street.

Staff queried with HSE and Building Control at NCC after concerns were raised about the standard and safety of works being carried out here. Both bodies confirmed that after initial investigations and discussions with the contractor that no further action was necessary.

199. AGENDA ITEMS:

199.1 To approve the comments for the 2021-2023 Private Housing Sector Consultation

The final draft of comments relating to the above has been circulated. The deadline for comments is 14 February and comments will be submitted after Full Council.

199.2 To agree representation at the Amble Coastal Summit electronic meeting on 25 February 2021

Cllr Weir, as Chair, is available to attend the above meeting. Members are asked to feed any comments to Cllr Weir and the Clerk in order for these to be raised at the time. Although not a direct remit, it has been suggested this forum could bring pressure on NCC to address the growing concerns regarding second and holiday homes, not just in Amble but in wider Northumberland. NCC have been asked for some figures ahead of this meeting.

199.3 To discuss quotations for repairs to East Cemetery Wall

Requests for quotations have been sent for the repairs to the East Cemetery Wall. Currently two quotations have been received. Members are asked to discuss. NCC plan to have the lamp post replaced on 5th March it would be prudent to avoid repairing the wall before then. ATCs insurers have been informed and await further information.

199.4 To discuss quotation for the Memorial Gardens Maintenance Contract

Members are asked to discuss the quotation received for the Memorial Gardens Maintenance Contract.

199.5 To discuss the contribution request to trial drainage works at Paddlers Park

Members are asked to discuss the request from NCC to financially contribute to the drainage works at Paddlers Park.

There has been no response to the letter sent to NCC members and officers regarding the water feature.

199.6 To agree comments to the Harbour Post Office Consultation

Members are asked to provide comments regarding the consultation to relocate the above into NISA on Newburgh Street. Initial comments provide no objection although concern regarding job losses and space were raised.

199.7 To discuss ideas for "Bettys Tree" commemorative plaque; to note contents of the letter from family members and the removal of the deteriorating tree in the raised bed

The Stewart Family are aware of the condition of the old tree and are supportive of the tree being removed. They have asked that the old plaque be returned to them if it is not to be reinstated at the new location. Further discussions on the new plaque and location are required.

200. COMMUNICATIONS:

200.1 Escape Family Support – Young Persons Project

Members to note

200.2 Latest News from Westminster and Northumberland

Members to note

200.3 NHS Stakeholder Update 1 February 2021

Members to note

200.4 To note the request for additional dog bin at Gloster Park

Members to note the request. The resident was informed that all bins are now dual purpose.

201. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR CIRCULATION:

201.1 To note the notes from the Chairs attendance at the ADT meeting 21 January 2021.

Members to note

201.2 To note the request for a grit bin on the Persimmon Estate and Councils response.

Members to note. It has since been confirmed that the estate has not yet been adopted by NCC and therefore any requests for grit bins need to go to Persimmons directly.

201.3 To note the letter of support sent to Amble Youth Project in relation to their Drug Prevention Programme.

Members are asked to note

201.4 To note the new contact details for the NCC monitoring officer.

Members are asked to note

201.5 To note the letter to Anne Marie Trevelyan re the support for the Sewage Bill.

Members are asked to note

201.6 To note the letter to NCC Officers and Members re Paddlers Park

Members are asked to note. To date there has been no response re the water feature