

## **Clerks Report – Amenities Committee – 25 March 2021**

### **32: ALLOTMENTS:**

#### **32.1 To receive a report from AAHS.**

Members are asked to note the content of the update.

### **34: TOWN:**

#### **34.1 To receive an update on planting for the 3 town planters.**

Cllr Weir is in discussions with Azure about our planting requirements.

#### **34.2 To seek retrospective approval for Clock Tower Memorial flood lights.**

A quote has been received to renew 3 of the non-working lights on the Clock Tower at a cost of £286.50. Staff have authorised the contractor to carry out this work. This will be carried out on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### **35: CEMETERIES:**

#### **West Cemetery**

#### **35.2 To receive an update on the plan of the layout of the new utilities.**

A diagram or map of the new utilities at the West Cemetery has been requested from the contractor. This will be circulated for information only once available.

#### **35.3 To receive an update on the mapping of section N.**

Section N has been mapped but not numbered but requires some additional work. This has been requested from Pear Technology. There has been some delay to this being completed due to staff at the company working from home. The grave contractor has requested that a marker be left for the first line of graves he is to dig in this section, however, feels he will be able to use additional space in the current section first.

#### **35.4 To receive an update on the request for a seat.**

Seat has been ordered and base has been installed ready for delivery, no estimated date of delivery yet.

#### **35.5 To note maintenance work on West Cemetery fountain.**

The first maintenance check is expected to take place at the end of March at a cost of £95 per visit.

#### **35.6 To seek retrospective approval for West Cemetery tree.**

Northwood Tree Surgery was asked to make safe one of the trees in West Cemetery as it had a significant lean on it. It was recorded as “good” in the recent inspection however it was felt better to have this actioned under Health and Safety. Members are asked to agree.

### **35.7 Update on drainage works in section N.**

Members agreed at Full Council to approve the quotation received as there had only been one submitted. Staff are to contact the contractor and provide them with an up-to-date version of the cemetery map for Section N and to highlight exactly where the drainage is required.

### **35.8 Spoil area removal**

Staff have requested quotes for the removal of the spoil build up.

### **35.9 Update on free trees.**

Friends of the Earth will deliver the trees; however, no date has been set yet. NCC have agreed to plant these, so delivery will need to be coordinated with them.

## **East Cemetery**

### **35.10 To receive an update on East Cemetery wall repair.**

The quotations received have been sent to the insurer who have agreed to go ahead with the Councils preferred contractor, however they have yet to confirm if it is acceptable to have an increased bill due to having to purchase more stone. Staff to chase up again.

## **36: PLAY AREAS:**

### **Paddlers Park**

#### **36.1 To discuss graphics ground paint.**

Last year the graphics at Paddlers Park were repainted. It has since been reported in the playground inspection report that the graphics are peeling once again. Members are asked to discuss their preference for a way forward.

## **37: TOWN FURNITURE e.g., bus shelters, bins, noticeboards, seats:**

#### **37.1 To receive an update on bus shelter cleansing.**

NCC have completed the deep cleansing of the bus shelters. Further clarity is needed on how often these will be done. Staff have asked NCC for an update.

#### **37.2 To receive an update on seat maintenance.**

At the last SLA meeting it was reported that 56 had been done from Sept. Staff are to check the recent highlighted seats have been actioned.

## **39: AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **39.1 To receive an update on the stone repair work of Amble War Memorial.**

NCC have confirmed that as this is a repair and will not affect the structure and integrity of the memorial, that permission is not required. NCC have now requested to inspect a sample of the mortar to be used in the works. ATC felt this was an unnecessary demand and have written to the Director of Planning. There has been no response to date.

### **39.2 To receive an update on Fish Sculpture paint.**

NCC are due to work on the sculpture when the Spring weather comes. ATC are to supply the paint for this. Staff have contacted NCC for a date of when this can begin so that paint can be ordered.

### **39.3 Update on mapping of assets.**

Due to staff working at home, the mapping of the assets is yet to be completed.