

# **Clerks Report – Amenities Committee – 27 May 2021**

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## **46: ALLOTMENTS:**

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

Members are asked to note the content of the update.

### **46.2 To receive an update on walkways/raised bed area weedkilling.**

NCC have informed us this is due to start but have been knocked back due to the weather. Weather permitting this should be started the week commencing the 10<sup>th</sup> of May.

## **48: TOWN:**

### **48.1 To receive an update on summer planting.**

NCC had planned to use Pyrethrum Golden Moss as lettering in the displays this summer. Unfortunately, the supplier's Pyrethrum crop has failed and can't supply. NCC have been able to source other plants but these aren't arriving until the week commencing the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. Ornamental displays are normally started early June so this means it will take a little longer to be completed depending on the size of the plants supplied.

### **48.2 To receive an update on the Memorial Gardens tree.**

Northwood Tree Surgery have informed us that the trees are looking about the same, approx. 20% browning, they are not getting any worse. If they continue to be watered and monitored, they should be fine.

## **49: CEMETERIES:**

### **West Cemetery**

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

Staff have repeatedly requested an update. There has been no response to date.

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

Pear Technology have been provided with a hand drawn version of their hard copy of the map. This has been sent recorded delivery and they will be making the requested amendments.

### **49.3 To receive an update on West Cemetery fountain.**

The first maintenance check was carried out at the end of March, no issues were highlighted. The fountain display at West Cemetery is disappointing. Originally this fountain head was used as there was supply issues with the fan head originally agreed on. If members agree the Fan fountain head can now be requested however this has an additional cost of £200.00. Members are asked to discuss.

#### **49.4 To receive an update on drainage works in section N.**

Work is due to start 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

#### **49.5 To discuss quote for Spoil area removal.**

A quote has been supplied at a cost of £780 plus VAT to remove the spoil build up at the West Cemetery. The quote includes 2 loads of spoil to remove at £180 per load plus vat, Mini Excavator, Dumper, Wagon and operators, labour. Staff queried the price, and it has been explained that there is more spoil than the previous year hence 2 removal loads, and the cost of waste tipping has increased.

#### **49.6 To receive an update on free trees.**

These have now all been planted near the natural burial area at the West Cemetery.

#### **49.7 To discuss the planting around tree in turning circle by cremated remains area.**

Members are asked to discuss options of planting here. At present there is Lavender around a small tree. Cllr Lewis to update.

### **East Cemetery**

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

Work has now been fully completed.

### **53: AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

The contractor is ready and waiting to start. Staff have contacted the Director of Planning regarding NCC's request of a sample of the mortar that is too be used. There has been no response to date. A chase up email has been sent.

#### **53.2 To receive an update on mapping of assets.**

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

#### **53.3 To receive an update regarding Tree Preservation Order request.**

Staff have requested a number of trees around the Town to be given Tree Preservation Orders. There has been no response to date.

**53.4 To arrange a date for staff, Northwood Tree Surgery and Cllr Parks to check out flag mechanism.**

A date is to be arranged for staff, Northwood Tree Surgery and Cllr Parks to learn how to use the flag mechanism.

**53.5 To discuss seat refurbishment costs.**

Staff were asked to investigate the difference in costs of a Georgian seat currently used in the town and recycled plastic boards bought separately including any additional costs to make up a bench using seat ends we have in storage. The Georgian standard seat with tamperproof bolts would be a total of £704.00, and for 6 recycled plastic boards, tamperproof bolts, and a contractor to make up the seat would be a total of £222.09.

**54: INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**54.3 Update on extra cycle parking equipment installation by NCC.**

There have been some cycle racks erected around the town.