

# Clerk Report – June 2021

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: (maximum 15 minutes)**

### **50.2 Public Attendance:**

#### **Mr Michael Walters – Acklington Road**

Mr Walters wishes to discuss the pavement / highways issues at the junction into Central Avenue from Acklington Road. This area regularly floods. Mr Walters has raised this issue before but there has been a lack of action.

The area has not been filled correctly and is breaking away.

#### **Mr Chris Armstrong**

Mr Armstrong is unable to attend but would like to bring to the attention of members the problems of parking down Harbour Road and in that area in general. During weekend especially the issue is unbearable.

## **57. AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

### **57.1 To receive an update on Paddlers seal repair**

Work is due to be undertaken to repair the seal on the sluice gates of the water feature.

### **57.2 To receive an update on toilet facilities in the town**

Discussions are still ongoing regarding any changes to the opening of all the facilities after the announcement due on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Reports are still being considered regarding the condition of toilet facilities throughout the area but it is believed that the main towns- including Amble- will see improvements. It is hoped more detailed plans will be forthcoming in the next 2-3 months.

### **57.3 To give an update on cemetery flowers complaint**

A complaint has been received regarding flowers being taken from one grave and placed on to another. Staff have asked NCC to be mindful of this and to alert ATC if they see anything suspicious. Unfortunately, there is little that can be done without proof of the offender doing such a thing.

### **57.4 To receive an update regarding flooding of right of way and action taken**

A complaint was received regarding the Right of Way between Southmede and Newmoor Close- its flooding is also completely flooding a resident's garden. ATC have contacted the Rights of Way officer about this previously and also have contacted Cllr Terry Clark. It is hoped a survey will be undertaken soon.

### **57.5 To receive an update on Paddlers Water Feature**

ST Controls visited Paddlers Park but did not carry out any works. They will be coming back later in June to complete the work.

### **57.6 To receive an update on The Rotary adopted bed if available**

The Rotary are discussing the original proposal and will come back to ATC.

### **57.7 To receive an update on Section N drainage**

The drainage of Section N is to be begun on Monday 7 June.

### **57.8 To receive an update on trees for Amble West Cemetery**

NCC are keen to understand what the Cemetery could take in tree planting as part of the bid, an idea of its size and has suggested that their officers could visit. Clerk to arrange.

## **59 AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **59.2 To receive an update on ASB at Straffen Court**

Contact has been made with multiple agencies involved in the ASB issues at Straffen Court. A resident's survey is being produced to help give the authorities a balanced

view of the problems experienced. We have asked that ATC be kept informed of its progress. The Estate Walkabouts are also due to reconvene and will coincide with police officers' shifts.

**59.3 To discuss the update from Amble Health Centre if available**

The letter sent to Amble Health Centre was greatly appreciated. A joint meeting with practise manager and doctor with members is due to be set up.

**59.4 To receive an update on Amble Snake Trail**

Cllr Morrison to lead

**59.5 To discuss ideas to celebrate Her Majesty the Queens Platinum Jubilee**

Members are asked to suggest possible ideas to celebrate the occasion.

**59.6 To discuss a commemorative seat request**

A request has been received regarding using the refurbished seat ends (at Sodexo) to create a new commemorative seat along towards the far end of the Marina. Officially this is in Warkworth Parish therefore their permission would be needed; however, Amble would agree to take on its maintenance and installation. Members to discuss.

**59.7 To discuss the possibility of a leaving gift for Internal Auditor**

Peter Basnett has now retired from undertaking ATC internal auditing. Having worked for Amble for 20 years, members are asked to consider a retirement gift.

**59.8 To discuss the possibility of linking with "Know Your Town"**

Members are asked to consider using the app Know Your Town in terms of the development of Amble Connect. This is a business and services profile platform for local businesses and facilities to list their services on a website platform.

**59.9 To receive an update on the Garden and Civic Awards and whether they can take place**

Contact has been made with Alnwick Garden to ascertain if there is any staff able to assist us. Initial contact has been positive however nothing has been confirmed yet. Office staff are beginning to source prizes for prizes etc.

**60. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**60.1 Complaints regarding parking issues on George Street**

Numerous complaints have been received regarding the parking issues on George Street. All of the issues raised are dealt with by NCC, residents have been informed of this and their contact has been forwarded to Terry Clark also.

**60.6 To note the complaint regarding customer queues and car parking on Leazes Street**

An issue was raised regarding customers queueing for the Quayside Chippy blocking the WHC car park on Leazes Street. The Clerk to pass the information on and to respond accordingly.

**62. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

62.1 8 July 2021, 6.00pm venue tbc