

Clerk Report July 2021

BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

66.1 To receive an update on Co-option

The deadline for applications is 28 June 2021. There has been one enquiry to date.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: (maximum 15 minutes)

67.2 Public Attendance: Michael Walters

Mr Walters would like to discuss water not draining away from the corner of Acklington Road and Central Ave south and causing vehicles to drive through it and persons getting splashed. His suggestion is that this could be rectified by installing a gully to the corner.

AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

74.1 To retrospectively agree to the removal of the Memorial Gardens Living Tree and discuss the future

The tree in the memorial gardens has been assessed by the tree officer from NCC. Although there is little life in the tree it is not expected to make a recovery. Whilst assessing the tree he also pointed out that the tree had not been the subject of formative pruning when in the nursery and also had a double lead at the top of the tree, both of which can be detrimental to the tree's development. The supplier has been contacted multiple times since the tree was first planted and all of its recommendations have been followed. Staff are writing a strong letter to the supplier to express their dissatisfaction and to try to come to some other arrangement, perhaps for a smaller tree. Copy of letter attached.

74.2 To receive an update on trees for Amble West Cemetery and decide whether to make application to the Woodland Trust

Cllrs Lewis and Weir with the Clerk met with the NCC tree officer to discuss the idea for new trees to be planted at Amble West Cemetery. It was agreed to plant the more established trees available, along the boundary from the Natural Burial Area towards the field corner and across towards Gloster Park boundary. A letter of support has been submitted to NCC to attach to their bid.

The Woodland Trust are running two applications for free trees. The next delivery is expected to be November 2021. It has been suggested that it may be good to get some for the boundary of Section N and Gloster Hill – there are hedge packs and also wild wood packs which may be suitable for this area. If agreed, it is hoped that community groups and/or schools can be involved. If agreed, staff will begin the application process.

74.3 To receive an update on the spoil area removal and spoil left by Drainage Contractor

The contractor to remove the burial spoil w/c 28 June. The spoil left by the drainage contractor is also to be removed 28/6.

74.4 To discuss a ground issue in Section M.

Cllr Lewis and Parks with the Clerk met a resident at Amble West who expressed concerns regarding a possible land drain in Section M. To the Council's knowledge there are no drains in the area. The Clerk has asked a contractor to meet on site to discuss the possibility of an investigative trench of where the resident feels the drain is. It is hoped this will give an idea of whether it is there and if so where the drain is going / coming from and also hope the contractor can provide some solutions.

74.5 To receive an update on paddlers play equipment repair if available

The Clerk and Cllr Lewis met with Paul Taylor from Kompan to view the broken equipment. He confirmed that it is expected this is still under warranty and should be able to be repaired. There is no

further update.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

75.2 To receive an update regarding Gloster Meadows Buffer Zone

An update will be provided when available.

75.3 To note the correspondence to Planning re works to pavement on Northumbria Terrace

Whilst doing other planning related work it was brought to the attention of the Clerk that in the Morrisons' planning application there was a condition to carry out off site works at Northumbria Terrace, which was to include the widening of the footpath from here. To date no works have been carried out and therefore a letter has been sent to NCC Planning for an update.

75.4 To note the letter sent to Persimmon Homes regarding bus shelter provision at Hauxley Grange

It has been noted that in the planning application for Hauxley Grange that bus stop provision was to be included however, there are no pull ins or laybys within their plans. Persimmon have been contacted to ascertain their intentions for this and to also discuss their contribution to the shelters maintenance. See attached letter for info.

74.5 To note the letter sent to Bryan G Hall regarding bus shelter provision on A1068

Council was contacted regarding provision for bus shelters along the A1068 outside Morrisons. However, this is no longer a bus route and therefore it was decided it would be counter-productive to add shelters here at this time. A letter has been sent explaining the background to the decision made in conjunction with NCC and Arriva Bus Services. See attached letter for info.

75.6 To note update from NCC if available regarding second/holiday homes data enquiry

No update available yet

75.7 To note complaints re: working hours and dust conditions at Hauxley Grange Development

Reports of noise and dust complaints have been reported to NCC.

AGENDA ITEMS:

76.1 To discuss possible involvement in Community Sport and Leisure Programme

The Council have been approached by Northumberland County Council Sports Development who currently have an active 'delivery team' in the South East of the County who manage a number of community sports projects in the area that are co-created and funded by those town/parish councils. ATC has expressed a desire to meet to look at what could be achieved and will be having a digital meeting in the near future. Members are asked to begin to compile a list of all activities with as much detail as possible and to have an idea of what is to be gained from the meeting.

76.2 To receive an update on the Covid Rock Snake

The adhesive to be used to secure the rocks will not hold the very large rocks and therefore an alternative location is required for those. A suggestion has been put forward as on top of horseshow hill- again NCC permission would be needed. The wording for the plaque has also been circulated for information. At the last meeting ATC agreed to look after the future maintenance of the rocks however wording on the license was to be double checked to ensure it did not leave ATC responsible for the actual wall itself. There has been no update on the license yet.

76.3 To discuss agenda for meeting with Coquet Medical Group

A positive and full response was received to our letter however it is still felt that a meeting would be beneficial. Members are asked to discuss an agenda to inform the meeting and make best use of time.

76.4 To approve the Newspage

Members are asked to approve

76.5 To receive an update on Amble Awards and style of award

Staff have not received any further information whether a guest judge can be provided for the competition. Staff have been working on posters and sourcing awards and trophies. The room has

been booked. Members were asked to give some thought of possible nominees of the Junior and Adult categories.

76.6 To discuss possible lighting of the beacon for Queens Platinum Jubilee

Communities are being encouraged to light beacons at 9.15 pm on 2 June 2022

76.7 To discuss possible events to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Members to discuss

76.8 To discuss the request for a Joint Impact Traffic Study with WPC

Warkworth Parish Council are to request an Impact Traffic Survey and have enquired as to whether Amble would like to also take part as it is suspected that Amble may have similar issues.

76.9 To discuss the closure of St Marks United Reform Church and impact for the community

The URC Church will close in December. This will have a significant impact on the community groups who use these premises.

76.10 To discuss whether the Council wishes to adopt the maintenance of the defibrillators in the town

The TC has been asked whether they would be willing to adopt the two defibrillators within the town.

The running costs of maintaining each item of equipment is as follows:

New battery every 4 years £195

New electro pads set every 2 years unless used £45

76.11 To discuss a location for the commemorative seat

Members to discuss

76.12 To receive comments from Cllr Parks on Gilbert Academy Consultation

Cllr Parks to provide

COMMUNICATIONS:

77.1 To note communication regarding dangerous fence at Harbour Car Park

The Council received emails and photographs of a piece of metal protruding from one of the low fences at the Harbour Car Park. These have been passed to WHC and a response has been sent to the sender.

77.2 Road and footpath standing water on Acklington Road / Central Avenue junction

As discussed in PQT

77.3 To note email re cycle safety in Amble and subsequent response

The Council was contacted to express concerns for the safety of cyclists in Amble. A copy of the response has been circulated.

77.4 To note meeting with Amble & Warkworth Rotary re: Planter

Members to note the update.

77.5 To note the reimbursement of double charges from NCC

The reimbursement for this year is £247

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

12 August 2021, 6.00pm venue The Masonic Lodge

Under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public will be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda due to their sensitive nature.