

# **Clerks Report – August 2021**

## **89.2 Bank Reconciliation**

The bank reconciliation is out by 0.90p due to a payment error from one on ATCs supplier. They have been contacted to resolve the issue.

## **Grant requests**

- Victim Support

This is a generic request for support. Members are asked to discuss.

## **90. AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

### **90.2 To discuss pest control proposal**

Members are asked to discuss if they wish to share the cost of the pest control required for East Allotments if they are asked to do so by AAHS.

### **90.3 To note outcome of complaint re cremated remains area**

The small fence has now been removed and staff have requested that the plot be topped up and grass seeded. A second plot was also noted to have a small fence around it and the plot owner has been contacted to remove it. The hedge has also been cut back and does not impede access to the plot along the back row. This week the Council received a telephone compliment for the cremated remains area.

### **90.5 To note: Pump prototype adjustment**

The plastic part in the water feature has snapped and has now been replaced with a metal part. It was explained that as this was a prototype, this could happen until we found what worked. Meanwhile after only 1 week, this has been vandalised- Northumbria Police have been informed. NCC are repairing and the contractor will be asked to see if the top can be made more secure.

### **90.6 To note: Equipment part & fixing**

The part for the air walker has been ordered. It is hoped that NCC can fit this with help of instructions. This should not affect the warranty if the instructions are followed. However, if NCC are unable to fix it, the equipment supplier can attend site to fix this, but this will be at a cost of £970exc VAT. Members are asked to discuss.

## **92. AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **92.1 To discuss and agree the Councils priorities for the LTP**

Members are asked to discuss and agree their top three priorities for the LTP

### **92.2 To discuss suggestions for street naming consultation for the former Marina Arms site**

Members are asked to discuss the proposed street names or suggest alternatives.

### **92.3 To discuss suggestions for street naming consultation for Longstone Manor development**

Members are asked to discuss the proposed street names or suggest alternatives.

### **92.4 To discuss data re second / holiday homes**

Data for total of second or holiday homes has been provided to Members since the last meeting. Members to discuss next steps, if any.

### **92.5 To receive an update on proposed pilot scheme to permit overnight use of motorhomes within selected NCC car parks within the Northumberland Coast AONB**

During the development of the pilot scheme, NCC has sought to identify what consents must be in place to enable motorhome owners to lawfully park up and sleep overnight within a designated area of a council car park. Unfortunately, the legal advice received has confirmed that in addition to the need to amend the existing legal orders that prohibit overnight parking, cooking and camping in Council car parks, NCC would also need to secure planning consent for this proposed activity. NCC have reviewed

this advice in detail and have been unable to identify any planning exemption or permitted development rights that could be used to authorise this activity on a temporary basis this summer. Regrettably, NCC are therefore unable to proceed with the proposed motorhome parking pilot scheme this summer but will be looking to put forward the pilot scheme proposals for consideration early next year.

**92.6 To discuss plans for planting of trees from Woodland Trust**

ATCs bid for trees from the Woodland Trust was successful. Members to discuss and agree a planting plan. It is hoped that ATC can work with local groups and schools to plant the trees as well as have assistance from NCC. This would be the first event of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

**92.7 To receive an update on the Amble Town Council Awards**

Plans are moving on re Amble Town Council awards. A date for the judge has yet to be finalised. Members are to shortlist their entries by 23 August.

Office staff are in the process of ordering awards however some shields remain outstanding to be returned.

**92.8 To discuss proposal to increase Civic Award prizes**

Cllr Lewis would like to propose to increase the Civic Award prizes to £100 for both. Members are asked to discuss.

**92.9 To discuss funding a pull-out page for The Ambler on behalf of Coquet Medical Group**

During ATCs meeting with Coquet Medical Group, as their newsletter is not currently being produced, it was suggested a good way of getting information out to our residents on how they have coped with the pandemic would be a pull out in The Ambler. Members are asked to discuss if they would support this by financing the printing of the pull out and the cost of delivery with The Ambler. The text for the pull out would need to be provided by Coquet Medical Group.

**92.10 To receive an update on Queens Jubilee, Beacon lighting funding and discuss plans**

The events committee have confirmed that they intend to move the Puffin Festival next year to 2-5 June. In conjunction with Dry Water Arts, they will be holding various street activities, including employing street entertainers, working with local schools on projects over the coming school year. A poster has been advertised to ascertain what other community and local groups are doing.

There have been no funding streams identified with regards to lighting of the beacon and NALC are not aware of any therefore Members need to decide if they wish to light the beacon. Members need to decide if they wish to go ahead with fireworks- proposed for the Queen's birthday on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April- during the school holidays, as a second event for the Jubilee. Staff are currently seeking costs for roller skating provision. Cllr Weir to update on NTC's response to the use of their grounds and building.

**92.11 To decide on Chairs attendance at the following events:**

- Cllr Pat Hay's Mayors Sunday Service and Reception. To be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September at St Hildas Church, South Shields at 12.30, followed by a reception at South Shields Town Hall.
- The Mayor of South Tyneside, Pat Hays, Charity Evening 1 October 2021
- South Tyneside Council Charity Curry Night 3 November 2021
- The Mayor of Gateshead, Councillor Dot Burnetts Charity Curry Evening to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 8:00pm at Jamdani Restaurant, Whickham.

Members are asked to discuss. Previously it had been agreed that the Chair would not attend those South of the Tyne.

**92.12 To discuss a policy for placing dedication plaques on ATC seats**

Currently all seats with a plaque were provided by the family of the person commemorated. As locations for new seats are now becoming very limited, Members are asked to decide if they wish to consider having a policy relating to placing memorial plaques on ATC seats. If agreed, this will be detailed in next month's meeting for further discussion.

**92.13 To discuss outcome of options for Section M**

Since it was highlighted that there may be drainage in Section M, we have met a contractor on site to explain our concerns. As previously agreed, a small inspection trench will be dug to ascertain whether a drain is present. It is hoped that quotes for the work will be received before the meeting. A discussion on possible ways ahead will need to be undertaken.

**92.14 Northumbria Healthcare / Harrogate Healthcare consultation**

Members are asked to view the consultation / survey and send all comments to the Clerk for compiling into a response.

**93. COMMUNICATIONS: RECOMMENDATION - *That the Council note the items.***

**93.1 To note photographs of parking issues experienced on Leazes Street**

**93.2 North East Bee Hunt event**

**93.3 To note message of thanks re RBL100**

**93.4 Royal Event Programme Proposal re Queens Jubilee Celebration**

**93.5 To note request for permission to hand out Wax Melts on Queen Street**

**93.6 To note correspondence re: Future of 'Tesco' site and reply**

**93.7 To note Response to Gilbert Ward**

**93.8 To note Response re parking Harbour Road**

**93.9 To note Gazebo request**

**93.10 To note correspondence re Estate Walkabout**

**93.11 To note anonymous complaint re car parking on King Edward Street**

All to note

**94. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR CIRCULATION:**

RECOMMENDATION - *That the Council note the information items.*

**94.1 To note the update regarding anti-social behaviour at Straffen Court**

**94.2 BBC Walking programme filming in Amble**

**94.3 CAN news 1/7, 16/7, 30/7.**

**94.4 To note complaints and action taken regarding the Right of Way West Drive to New Hall**

**94.5 To notes the minutes of the meeting with Robin McCartney 27 July 2021**

**94.6 To note the LOVE Northumberland Campaign for 2021**

**94.7 To note the minutes of the meeting to discuss Community Sport provision**

**94.8 Newsletter from Anne Marie Trevelyan 9/7, 19/7**

**94.9 NALC newsletter 7/7,29/7**

**94.10 To note the minutes of the SLA meeting 27 July 2021**

**94.11 To note NALC Healthwatch report**

**94.12 To note NTC Programme**

**94.13 To note correspondence re ADT use of building/ future of conference room**

All to note

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

**95.1 9 September 2021, 6.00pm, The Mason Lodge, Amble**