

# **Clerks Report – Amenities Committee – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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## **73: ALLOTMENTS:**

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

Members are asked to note the contents of the update

### **73.2 To receive a report from attendance at a committee meeting 15<sup>th</sup> Sept and discuss attendance at AAHS AGM to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October**

A report has been provided and also circulated to AAHS. Members are asked to note the report

### **73.3 Loose post update**

Work will be carried out soon

## **75: ASSETS REPORTS:**

### **75.1 To seek retrospective approval of works from previous asset report.**

During the last asset report several issues were highlighted which required remedial works. Members are asked to agree retrospective works for the following:

Spray painting of lines near bus stop at Acklington Road, signage added to planter at Rivergreen and repointing of Links Avenue bus shelter, at a cost of £110 the cost also includes works for 77.6

### **75.2 Update on asset work requested at SLA meeting**

NCC have provided an update on work carried out since the last SLA. Members are asked to note.

Staff have checked work carried out. Members are asked to note report.

### **75.3 To note and discuss issues and agree any actions required from the August/September report.**

The asset report on Seats has been completed and is attached for information. Members are asked to review the remedial works highlighted in the report and determine the works - and order - to be carried out.

Due to the large volume of photographs of the issues, these can be viewed at the office but will also be available at the meeting to view before a decision is made.

## **76: TOWN:**

### **76.1 To receive an update on the Memorial Gardens tree and discuss the High Street Garden tree.**

Members are asked to note there has been no response from Paramount Plants after several contacts have been made.

Despite an extensive search Paramount Plants seems to be the only place to be able to get trees of larger size i.e. over 1 metre in height.

The High Street Gardens tree is being checked but appears to be failing like the Memorial Gardens one did. Members are asked to discuss replacing this too.

Members have agreed to try another variety of conifer- Abies Concolor- which is only available in 2-2.5metre but the highest will be requested. Members are asked to note price and estimated delivery date of the 7<sup>th</sup> of November.

## **77: CEMETERIES:**

### **West Cemetery**

#### **77.1 To discuss memorial wall remedial work**

Staff are currently seeking quotations for remedial works to the Memorial Wall at Amble West.

#### **77.2 To receive a report on section M inspection work**

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A contractor has carried out an inspection trench in Section M and has found no drainage in the specified location. A letter has been sent to the resident concerned.

## **77.3 To receive an update on new signage**

The new cemetery signs have now been delivered NCC have quoted a price of £483.62 to install the 5 new posts and signs. Staff are currently seeking an additional quotes.

## **77.4 To note date for turning off fountain**

SDControls will be asked to attend to turn off the water for the end of this month.

## **77.5 To discuss price for 2 replacement memorial plaque at turning circle at the West Cemetery**

A quotation of £45 + VAT each has been sought. Members are asked to discuss.

## **77.6 To seek retrospective approval of works from West Cemetery visit**

Members are asked to agree to retrospective approval for works including maintenance to roof of office building and the cutting back of overhanging branches at a cost of £380 and clearing of the gutters at West Cemetery cost of this is included with the works for 75.1

## **77.7 To seek retrospective approval for the removal of 5 wasp's nests**

NCC reported that there were 5 wasp nests located underground at Amble West. As this falls under Health and Safety, staff have requested that the NCC pest control officer attend site at a cost of £125 to deal with them. NCC operatives agreed to meet the Pest Control Officer on site to show him the location of the nests.

## **78: PLAY AREAS:**

### **Paddler's Park**

#### **78.1 To receive an update on Paddler's Park**

The water feature is yet to be repaired. The contractor will take the fixtures and fittings away when they are next in the area to try and strengthen the parts. Members are to discuss the possible solutions presented by the contractor if available by then. An insurance claim has been logged. Water feature is off as has not been repaired. The air walker remains broken. NCC have been reminded to let staff know if they have the tools to fix it. If this is not possible, staff are to seek other quotes for the work. The repair must follow the instructions given by Kompan otherwise the warranty will be void. If no contractors are available, Kompan can attend to do the repair however this would be at a cost of £970 plus VAT.

Staff are seeking clarity on the drainage works at Paddlers Park.

#### **78.3 To receive update if available on request for commemorative seat**

A meeting is to be arranged to discuss the location.

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

### **79.1 Update on Covid Commemorative seat and to discuss price for Commemorative seat plaque**

No update on delivery, staff are currently seeking quotations for the base A quotation has been received for the commemorative plaque at £225 + VAT. Members are asked to consider.

### **79.2 Update on new signage ordered**

All new coal truck signs have been delivered. NCC have agreed to remove the old signs and install the new ones free of charge.

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Seafarers' signs and the spare harbour mouth sign have also been delivered and are in the office.

## **79.3 Update on plants & planting schemes**

Cllr Weir to report

## **79.4 To discuss a theme to be recommended to Full Council for The Wynd and Dilston Terrace beds for next year**

Members are asked to consider which theme they would like for next year's planting arrangement. Possible suggestions include ideas relating to the Queen's anniversary: Wynd- Crown & 70<sup>th</sup>; Dilston Terrace- 1 ER II, other 1952-2022.

## **81: AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

The contractor may be able to attend this week to prepare a sample. If this is possible, NCC will be asked to come and inspect the sample. Staff to check.

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

NCC have confirmed that the TPO has been received however they must prioritise TPO requests on the basis of threat. As none of these trees are under threat at this time, they will not be a priority for NCC.

### **81.3 To receive an update on seat ends from Sodexo and seat refurbishment.**

There has been no update as to whether the seat ends are available.

### **81.4 To discuss new litter bin response.**

Following a request for a new litter bin at the industrial estate, Advance have responded- response to be discussed.

### **81.5 To receive an update on highway tourist signage audit**

Some information has been received from Members however this work remains outstanding.

### **81.6 To discuss the beacon**

The beacon apparatus on the Braid was placed there by Alnwick District Council. Under Local Government Reorganisation and the demise of that body, all assets and responsibilities passed to Northumberland County Council.

It would therefore seem prudent to ask to whom enquiries to use it should be directed and what guidelines should be followed for its use.

It would also seem wise to ask when it was last inspected for safety and how often this occurs.