

CLERK REPORT NOVEMBER 2021

135.1 Report from Northumbria Police.

There is no update on viability or cost of moving CCTV on Church Street.

142. AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

142.1 To discuss the colour scheme for Queen Street Seats

The seats on Queen Street are due to be repainted. Members are asked to consider which colour they would prefer. They are currently blue with silver slats; however the usual colour for the town seats is black as are the bins.

142.2 To note the living trees in Memorial Gardens and High Street Gardens and care arrangements.

The trees were put in place on 3 November. The ground has been prepared in accordance with guidelines and the contractors have been asked to water them. The trees will be staked for the first 6 months to ensure stability.

142.3 To receive an update on the trees from The Woodland Trust and subsequent meeting with NCC officer.

There has been a delay to the trees from The Woodland Trust. All those taking part in the planting arrangements have been notified. A meeting has been held with the Green Space Officer from NCC with regards to the location of the Copse on The Braid for any additional trees to be planted. See notes circulated.

142.4 To receive an update on Seafarers memorial

The work required to the Seafarers Memorial remains outstanding

143: PLANNING COMMITTEE

143.1 To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee 28 September 2021

Members are asked to note

143.2 To note planning outcomes from October 2021

Members are asked to note

143.3 To note the enforcement request regarding footprint of new development on The Wynd

Members are asked to note

143.4 To note enforcement request regarding mud on Percy Drive from development

Members are asked to note

144. AGENDA ITEMS:

144.1 To receive an update on The Amble Inn sponsorship

The Amble Inn has been asked to sponsor the maintenance of the Fish Sculpture with an annual contribution of £100. We await their response.

144.2 To discuss disabled access to the beach via beach wheelchairs

Cllr Watson and Cllr Hinton have been approached with regards to the use of beach wheelchairs for disabled access. Warkworth Harbour Commissioners have also been contacted but this is said to be outside of their remit. Members are asked to discuss.

144.3 To receive an update on arrangements for Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is continuing as planned. Invitations have gone out and a list of wreath layers is being collated. NCC have agreed to assist with moving the gazebo and wreath stands on the morning. Ben Newall has been booked to provide PA. Barriers have been requested from NCC to help with social distancing.

The order of service is being developed. The church service will take place at URC Church. Road Closures have been agreed.

144.4 To note outcome and agree next steps arising from meeting with Cllr Glen Sanderson

Members are asked to discuss the outcome of the meeting and whether any next steps are necessary at this stage.

144.5 To receive an update on the Chairman's Christmas Reception

The Chairs reception has been booked for 10 December at the Masonic Lodge. Christmas cards and invitations have been produced. Cllr Weir is liaising with possible entertainment options. A buffet has been ordered. The raffle is in aid of North Northumberland Hospice Care- Cllrs are asked to consider donating prizes.

144.6 To agree comments to the Licensing Policy Consultation

This consultation was circulated previously. Members are asked to discuss any comments they wish to make.

144.7 To receive an update on Council specific email addresses

As agreed at the previous meeting, the Clerk has requested that individual Cllr email addresses be progressed. These are currently being set up.

144.8 To receive an update on Jubilee arrangements.

Further clarity has been sought regarding the hire of the roller-skating rink.

First Aid - 80% of their staff are first aiders so at least one will be.

The company has been asked what assurances are in place if any future gov. restrictions are imposed and the event cannot go ahead, or for example the weather is terrible. It has been confirmed that in line with their covid policy, a full refund or a change of date will be implemented. In terms of the weather, there is no contingency for this, and the payment must be made.

There is no additional cost for the hire of the unit for 6 hours and the generator will be provided free of charge.

A sub floor may be required dependent on the surface of the ground we are using. This is an additional £600plus VAT.

Their staff will run the rink, supervise the hire of the skates and pads and manage the times sessions of 15 minutes each. Volunteers will be needed to manage the queue and once all is finalised Council will need to decide if there will be a charge for participants.

144.9 To discuss the purchase of surplus church pews at £60.00 each

The URC Church Pews as requested during the last Full Council meeting are available at a cost of £60 each. Members to discuss.

144.10 To discuss Chair's attendance to Civic Dinner on behalf of Ian Hutchinson at Linden Hall

Members are asked to discuss the Chairs attendance at Civic Dinner on behalf of Ian Hutchinson at a cost of £35.

144.11 To agree Chair and Vice Chair attendance at final URC Service on 19 December 2021

Members are asked to agree to the Chair and Vice Chair's attendance at the Final URC Church Service 19 December 2021

144.12 To discuss the 2022/23 Precept Request

Cllrs Weir, Lewis and Parks met with the Clerk and Financial Consultant to discuss the 2022-23 precept request from NCC. The Band D Tax Base information has now been received and will be used to calculate the impact on the precept. Members are asked to review the budget document and confirm if there is anything further they wish to consider. The final precept request must be sent to Northumberland County Council in January 2022.

144.13 To approve draft of News Page for Ambler

Members are asked to approve

144.14 To note the outcome of the notice to Dispose of Open Space.

There were no comments received during the consultation period. As a courtesy, Northumberland County Council has been informed of this. The legal team have been informed of the outcome.

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

145.1 To note the correspondence regarding dangerous driving at West Avenue

A resident has raised concern regarding damage to her property on a number of occasions caused by vehicles. Highways have been informed. Cllr Watson is looking at this further in his NCC role.

145.2 To note updates from Anne Marie Trevelyan 22/10, 29/10,

To note

145.3 CAN news 1/11,

To note

145.4 To note request from ESH / Home Group re CCTV Survey of Drainage Channel

Meeting notes circulated.

145.5 Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership - Virtual Annual Forum - Wednesday 3rd November, 4pm - 5.30pm

Members to note

145.6 Healthwatch Northumberland AGM and Review of the Year

To note

145.7 NALC 27/10, 28/10,

To note

145.8 Mr Connelly, Flooding on Church Street, Bridge Street.

County Councillor Terry Clark has also been contacted and has been asked the following questions:

1) When were the gulleys on Queen Street/ Bridge Street/ Church Street/ George Street last lifted and cleared?

2) When were the drainage channels going across the pavements of Queen Street last checked/cleaned?

3) Is any check made to ascertain whether there is a flow between the gulleys so that the surface water can go through?

145.9 Improving Lives – Operation Payback

Circulated

146. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR CIRCULATION:

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

146.1 To note the deferment of health centre page for The Ambler

Coquet Medical Group have not been in a position to provide on this occasion and the article is currently on hold.

146.2 To note notes of meeting with Dan Meikle re potential tourism offering

Members to note

146.3 To note the correspondence and response to Mr Bird

Members to note

146.4 To note the Thriving Together Event 10th-12th November

Members to note

146.5 To note the notes from the Partnership Meeting 20 October 2021

Members to note

146.6 To note work on Amble War Memorial Stone

The stone work has now been complete.

146.7 To discuss the requirements to ensure website Accessibility and the development of an accessibility statement

As highlighted in a recent NALC edition, the Council is required by law to ensure that its website is accessible to all. There was an accessibility review carried out two years ago however as technology advances, there is expected to be more changes.

The Clerk is currently reviewing the requirements of compliance and ascertaining what work is needed. Members will be updated as necessary.

A website accessibility statement is also required to be provided.

146.8 To discuss the request from The Women's Institute

The Women's Institute would like to take over responsibility for the Poppy Wreath curtain. Members are asked to discuss.

147. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

147.1 9 December 2021 6.00pm, Venue: Masonic Lodge, Amble

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.