

## **Clerks Report – December 2021**

### **152. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

#### **152.1 Resignation of Tony Regan**

Tony Regan has submitted his resignation to the Clerk who has passed it to NCC who will once again start the election process.

#### **159.4 Grant requests**

- **To seek retrospective approval for a grant to the Events Committee of £100.00**

Members are asked to endorse retrospective approval for £100 towards the lighting of the clock tower in the run up to Christmas.

- **Puffin Theatre Club**

The Council was asked to fund a place at the Puffin Theatre Club for an individual child. The Council is unable to support with requests for individual's personal support. The requester has been advised to contact Northumberland Communities Together who may be aware of other funding available.

#### **159.5 To discuss the 2022-2023 Precept Request**

Members are asked to review the budget and to confirm if there are any further considerations to make. There is one more Council meeting before the precept request must be submitted to NCC.

### **160. AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

#### **160.1 To discuss proposal of compensation request for tree removal at Percy Drive / Hauxley Grange**

Persimmons have removed two trees which belong to ATC- not NCC- without permission. It is appreciated this is to make allowances for Highway amendments and therefore it is unlikely that these can be replaced, however members are asked to consider if they would like to request some financial compensation that can put towards the environmental budget for the town.

#### **160.3 To note response re: missing memorial at Amble West**

**A resident has noticed that a memorial seems to be missing. It was highlighted during the last memorial inspection and so it was in place as recently as 2020.**

In cases of unstable memorials, ATC stake them if possible, if not they are laid down for safety reasons. ATC do not remove memorials except in extreme cases and endeavour to inform family if we have been given current contact details. We have no knowledge of its whereabouts. As Headstones remain the property of the person with permission to place them there, we encourage people to insure them against risks such as vandalism or theft. If they do have this, then we urge them to make a claim on their policy.

#### **160.4 To note outcome of discussions with ESH re access to drainage**

ESH have requested access to the compound to uncover a buried manhole here. They would like access via a JCB so that they can unearth the manhole. ATC have expressed concern regarding possible damage to the newly laid driveway and a meeting is arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> November.

ESH have also accessed the coal yard with permission to carry out a CCTV survey of the culvert that runs through this. They have provided ATC with a copy of the CCTV survey.

#### **160.5 To note update from LATF**

The trees from the Local Authority Treescape Fund have been delayed.

An update will be provided as soon as available.

**160.6 To note the complaint regarding the Quayside toilets**

A complaint was received from a visitor who was unhappy with the Harbour toilets. NCC have been made aware

**160.7 To note response to DEFRA consultation and to discuss any further actions needed.**

The response for DEFRA has been sent to NALC to aid their response. A copy has been sent to our M.P. urging her to look carefully at the implications if these become regulations. Members are asked to discuss other avenues of support for ATC response.

**161: PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**161.2 To discuss proposal of ratification of comments to planning application ref 21/03144/FUL Boat Yard East of Coble Quay, Coquet Street.**

There has been a suggestion that rules may imply planning application 21/03144/FUL Boat Yard East of Coble Quay, Coquet Street should have been discussed by Full Council. Whilst the reasons for this suggestion are being investigated, it seems appropriate to propose this Full Council meeting agree the decision to object on the grounds stated with the concerns mentioned. Further advice is being sought by NALC so that a definitive answer is available for staff and members.

**161.3 To discuss proposal of clarification of Planning Committee Terms of Reference**

Members are asked to consider the wording in Terms of Reference which states the following:

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- To determine if a plan is more appropriately dealt with by full Council meeting.*

Members are asked to consider whether they require further and specific parameters of instances whereby an application should be referred to Full Council for discussion and comment.

**162. AGENDA ITEMS:**

**162.1 To discuss the request for support re Beach Wheelchairs**

Support and advice and/or guidance is requested for a potential project for beach wheelchairs based on the Little Shore. Help has been requested on the following:

1. Any permissions to have an enterprise operating on the beach areas,
2. Housing the equipment in appropriate premises even if that is a container.
3. Where would be appropriate to site a container.
4. Any local bylaws we would have to be aware of.
5. Any other information would be greatly appreciated.

The sizing of the wheelchairs has been provided to members.

**162.2 To receive an update on jubilee arrangement and costs**

The most up to date costs for the rollerskating activity is £4000plus VAT. It is expected that flooring will be an additional cost.

Coop Funeralcare and Tesco have both confirmed that we can use the car park area for the rollerskating. Members are asked to consider costs and discuss.

The Clerk has met with a contractor to discuss quotations for flood lighting at the Braid for the fireworks and this will be received shortly.

### **162.3 To receive an update on website accessibility**

The web host is yet to confirm whether they are operating at the standard required to conform with accessibility requirements. The Clerk is still working on email addresses. Recent workload has not allowed this to be investigated further.

### **162.4 To discuss reconsider storage offer for contractor**

The Council has been approached to reconsider allowing a contractor to store items in the old mortuary building. The contractor would like members to consider a 6-month agreement at a cost similar to the cost of a rented garage. The majority of the contractor's work is for Amble.

### **162.5 To discuss and agree agenda items for the meeting with Director of Planning NCC**

Members are requested to discuss and agree topics to be sent ahead of the meeting so that the meeting time can be utilised to its full potential.

### **162.6 To discuss concerns regarding the lack of a community hub due to the closure of the URC Church**

Cllr Weir to update.

## **163. COMMUNICATIONS: RECOMMENDATION - *That the Council note the items.***

### **163.1 Carers Rights Day**

### **163.2 Amble Path Development**

### **163.3 Kickstart – The Next Steps**

### **163.4 Northumberland Parent and Carer Sessions**

### **163.5 Anne Marie Trevelyan Newsletter 5/11, 12/11**

### **163.6 NALC News 12/11, 23/11**

### **163.7 CAB 8<sup>th</sup> AGM Invitation**

### **163.8 To note resident correspondence re Gulleys**

To note

### **163.9 To note the Remembrance Invite complaint and subsequent response**

ATC received a note to enquire why Hauxley Parish Council had not been invited to the Remembrance Day Service and why HMS Northumberland was not included. A response was sent:

All neighbouring parishes are invited to attend the service as they are every year and are very welcome to attend. In past years Hauxley PC has always been present but this year, although an invitation was sent, the office did not receive any notification of their intended attendance.

Each year, we do however still have people who do not confirm but come along on the day and are then included. We would be delighted to have someone representing them again in the future.

There was some confusion with regards to HMS Northumberland's attendance as after sending out the invitation, the office was originally informed that there was no personnel available. On checking the latest correspondence dated 5th November I can confirm that HMS Northumberland were aware that they were of course more than welcome to attend should there now be personnel available. They will of course be included in next year's invitation to attend.

### **163.10 Welfare CCTV report**

The camera is broken and was reported to ATC, however it is not believed to be one of the cameras within the Councils ownership and clarification has been sought to that affect from Alncom.

We await a response.

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

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

**164.1 To note letter to ADT re lease of premises**

**164.2 To note the Chairs Reception on 10 December 2021**

**164.3 To note the meeting with Rob Murfin on 11 January 2022**

**164.4 To note the meeting with Robin McCartney on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**164.5 To note the xmas tree lights have been erected**

To note

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

165.1 13 January 2022 6.00pm, Venue: tbc

**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.**