

Clerks Report – Amenities Committee – 29th September 2022

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36: ALLOTMENTS:

36.1 To receive a report from AAHS

Members are asked to note the report

36.2 To discuss bonfire issues

There have been several complaints about Allotment holders setting bonfires and leaving them still smouldering overnight unattended. This is a safety concern for both neighbouring allotment holders and surrounding residents.

38: ASSETS REPORTS:

38.1 To note and discuss issues and agree any actions required from the report.

Members are asked to note the asset report and determine the works to be carried out.

39: TOWN:

39.1 Update on Memorial Clock Electrical works

Work was paused as the original pendulum nut was found to be cracked. As this is a special sized nut the company had to manufacture this themselves.

The contractor is due to return to complete the works on the 29th of September.

39.2 Update on Memorial Clock door thresh repair

Work is to begin after the 29th of September once all clock electrical works are completed

39.3 Update on blanking of T.I.C. on signage posts

As we no longer have a tourist information centre, the 'Tourist Information' on road signage and the fingerpost street signs in Amble have now been covered up

39.4 To note Litter pick in town

Members are asked to note that Cross Border Coastal Clean Up will be in Amble on the 1st of October at the Town Square at 10.30am to carry out a town litter pick.

All equipment is supplied by the company, but anyone wishing to join in have been asked to bring their own gloves.

40: CEMETERIES:

West Cemetery

40.1 To receive an update on Storm Damaged Memorial repairs

Staff have contacted the contractor to ascertain a start date for the repairs to be carried out. No response yet

40.2 To receive an update on Drive repair

The drive repair has now been completed.

40.3 To receive an update on 'office' building roof and gutter works

Work is to begin after the 29th of September

40.4 To receive an update on stabilising notice board

Work is to begin after the 29th of September

40.5 To receive an update on Memorial wall repair

Work is to begin after the 29th of September

40.6 To receive an update on Section M survey

Members have started to survey the graves within section M. Once all the area has been surveyed staff will action the works needed.

40.7 To receive an update on wasp nests

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A contractor was asked to remove two wasp nests from the Cemetery as a matter of Health and Safety. They have both now been removed.

East Cemetery

40.8 To receive an update on the gate repair

The gates have now been repaired and back in place.

40.9 To receive quotation for painting the gates

A contractor has quoted £358 to repaint the gates at the East Cemetery. Members are to decide if they would like to proceed.

40.10 Site Visit

Members are to discuss any issues arising from site visit

41: PLAY AREAS:

Paddler's Park

41.1 To receive an update on flooding issues

According to NCC the works have been completed, however the area is still flooding. Cllr Lewis has suggested that photos are to be taken after some rain and if water is lying then take more photos until it goes away. This will show how effective the work has been.

41.2 To note ongoing issues (weeds / debris in water feature drainage channel/ hard landscape/ bed at entrance by Car Park below Gordon Villas)

There are still some outstanding issues at the Paddlers Park. Members are asked to bring this up at the next SLA meeting.

41.3 To receive an update about Spin Bike installation if available

Works are to begin the 17th of October

41.4 Site Visit

Members are to discuss any issues arising from site visit

Philip Drive

41.5 To receive a quotation to resurface the park if available

A contractor was contacted to supply a quote to resurface the play area. The contractor has suggested that as the equipment within the play area is quite old, would we be looking to update this too. They feel a new surface would outlive the old equipment and have to be done again when renewing the equipment. Once decided the contractor will prepare a quotation accordingly.

42: TOWN FURNITURE e.g., bus shelters, bins, noticeboards, seats:

42.1 To receive an update on seats at Bay View

All the new seats are now in place. Please see the asset report for full update.

42.2 To receive an update on bin replacement schedule including reviewing future bin types

Cllr Parks and Cllr Bewley are to update on a future bin replacement schedule. Members are asked to discuss possible future bins options including the option of having ATC stickers attached to future bins to easier identify the bins that ATC own. There are two round 3" sticker designs to choose from at a cost of 42p each based on 100.

42.3 To receive an update on the painting of the mural at Church Street bus shelter

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The contactor has been contacted and is due to check the wall soon. Staff will be contacted once the wall has been assessed.

42.4 To receive quotations for repair and painting of bus shelters if available

Several companies were contacted to supply a quote to repair the roof to BS11 on Links Avenue, staff had 1 company respond, staff were informed, they would survey and provide a quote. No update yet

A contactor has been contacted to supply a quote to paint both BS3 near the Middle School and BS11 on Links Avenue. No response yet

42.5 To receive an update on damaged seat

An insurance claim has been started. Please see assert report for further information.

43: COMMUNICATIONS:

43.1 To note complaint about the Phillip Drive Park

A resident has expressed concern over the current condition of the park, and if there are any plans to update the area. They also reported the park on Fix my street. Staff have contacted NCC to action in regard to the litter.

44: AGENDA ITEMS:

44.1 To receive a quotation for the pathway at Section M if available

A quote has been requested. No response yet.

45: INFORMATION ITEMS:

45.1 To note the closure of the Harbour toilets

The toilets have been closed due to part of the ceiling falling down.

45.2 To note closure of part of the Right of Way from New Hall to West Drive

Members are asked to note this area was closed off but is now open to the public again.

45.3 To receive an update on the Local Authority Treescape Fund

The free trees are due to be planted in February 2023. As the planting will take place over a few days ATC have been asked if there is anywhere to store the trees until planting takes place. Staff are waiting on a date for someone to come out and check if the area near the old mortuary building is suitable to store the trees.

47: PRIVATE:

47.1 To receive an update on coal truck renovation and sponsorship of the 'Fish' sculpture.

Members are asked to note the coal truck is being repaired. Cllr Weir to update following his visit to deliver the Community Floral Award.

47.2 To discuss Paddlers seat

Members are asked to discuss a new plaque which has been placed on the seat.