AMBLE TOWN COUNCIL – AMENITIES COMMITTEE – NOVEMBER 2022

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 24 November 2022 at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Bewley (Vice Chair), Cllr Weir, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Morrison, Cllr Dancer, Wayne Elliot (AAHS), S Moore - Minutes

48: APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE: Cllr Parks had sent apologies but did arrive during item 52.

49: BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE:

50: DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:
Members are requested to advise the Committee of any Declarations of Interest pertaining to the below agenda items.

51: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:
No public present

52: ALLOTMENTS:
52.1 To receive a report from AAHS
The report from the allotment society was noted.
52.2 Update on Rodents Course
One member has completed the course and the certificate is up in the allotment hut. Two members are halfway through, but the course has been put on hold until May.
52.3 To receive an update on culvert works if available
The culvert diversion and works were still under discussion however access would be from West Avenue and the majority of the work would be within the redundant raised bed area and surroundings. AAHS would be informed when a date for the work was confirmed.

Mr Elliot left

54: ASSETS REPORTS:
54.1 To note and discuss issues and agree any actions required from the report.
Asset report was noted.

55: TOWN:
55.1 To discuss the coal truck on Leazes Street
Members were surprised by the tone of the email received regarding the coal truck. Staff to reply to WHC agreeing to the removal as soon as another location was confirmed. Relocation logistics to be discussed at the next SLA meeting.Staff to contact the individual who has been planting it to inform him of the coal truck decision.

56: CEMETERIES:
West Cemetery
56.1 To receive an update on Storm Damaged Memorial repairs
Staff have attempted to contact the contractor who was meant to be doing the repairs. Staff have had no response. Staff have been working to get quotes from

other contractors, no responses yet. Staff to update the family of one of the damaged memorials.

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

Members were informed the repair works were now completed.

56.3 To receive an update on stabilising notice board

Members were informed the repair works were now completed.

56.4 To receive an update on Memorial wall repair

Members were informed the repair works were now completed.

Staff to check Items 56.2- 56.4.

56.5 To receive an update on Section M survey

Staff are collating members inspection reports and would then inform NCC of the work to be carried out.

56.6 To note the renumbering of plots in Section N

Members were informed that the plots in Section N have been renumbered as they were incorrectly denoted. All deed holders have been notified and new deeds have been issued with the updated numbers. Staff to check if we have a blank copy of Section N with the correctly marked spaces which could then be numbered as we want.

East Cemetery

56.7 To receive an update on the gate repainting

Members were informed that the gates were now all painted.

56.8 To receive an update on the arrow for gates.

Staff to contact the contractor who painted the gates to ask if an arrow could be painted above the handle in yellow to make the public aware that the handle turns to the left.

57: PLAY AREAS:

Paddler's Park

57.1 To receive an update on flooding issues

Staff are to continue to monitor the area after heavy rainfall.

57.2 To receive an update about Spin Bike installation

The spin bike has now been installed. Staff to investigate signage for the correct usage

57.3 To receive an update on missing signage

Members agreed to both new signs being purchased at a total cost including delivery of £71.00. At the next SLA meeting ask about regular weekly checks of all the signage alongside the weekly playground checks.

Philip Drive

57.4 To receive an update on the ownership of land

Members were informed there was no update available. Staff to contact the County's Legal Department.

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

58.1 To receive an update on the new bins

The new bins are currently being installed. Staff to check once all bins are in place to photograph and log for future reference.

58.2 To present the future bin replacement schedule

This would be updated by staff, Chair and Vice Chair utilising the condition information already obtained with priority given to town centre, areas of heaviest footfall then outer areas.

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

Members were informed that work was due to start the first week in December. Staff to contact to ascertain a date and if barriers would be needed to block off the bus shelter to the public while the paint was drying.

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

Staff are awaiting a quote for repainting from a local contractor.

Links Avenue Roof - Staff have received two quotes, one to repair the bus shelter and one to demolish it. Before a decision is to be made staff to contact Travelsure bus service to retrieve data about the usage of this bus stop. To be forwarded to Full Council.

58.5 To receive an update on seat S40 (on the dunes leading down towards Paddlers Park)

Members were informed the seat had now been painted, free of charge whilst a contractor was painting the East Cemetery gates. Members noted a letter of thanks was sent to the contractor.

58.6 To discuss location of EIIR flower bed

Members discussed the best location for the E11R flower bed, members agreed that the area on Gibson Street would be a more prominent location. To be discussed at the next SLA meeting**.**

59: COMMUNICATIONS:

59.1 To note response regarding unauthorised signage

The company was contacted about the unauthorised signage at the Paddler's Park. Staff have been informed that a member of their team has been instructed to remove them. This to be checked

59.2 To note unstable memorial letter and action taken

A letter has been sent to the deed holder of the unstable memorial; a contractor has staked the memorial for now to make it safe.

60: AGENDA ITEMS:

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

No update available. Staff to pursue.

62: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Meeting date will be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 26th January 2023, in the Town Council Office, Top Floor, Fourways 2, Amble NE65 0DT.

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.

63: PUBLIC VERSION OF PRIVATE:

63.1 To discuss option for border area of Allotments with Gloster Hill

A landowner bordering the West Allotment had requested the old disused buildings be removed. Discussions had been held with AAHS. Members decided to

recommend to full council that an offer of the use of a portion of the land be made to the adjacent landowner in return for maintaining it.