

Amenities Committee Agenda Report – 26th September 2024

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35: ALLOTMENTS:

35.1 To receive a report from AAHS.

Members are asked to note the report.

35.2 To receive an update on skips.

Five skips were delivered on the morning of 17th of September, all five were full by 1.30pm. AAHS monitored them all morning, two skips were collected later the same day.

35.3 To receive an update on Japanese Knot weed.

A contactor attended the effected gardens on the 13th of August, with further visit on the 20th of September to burn the knot weed in situ.

37: ASSETS REPORTS:

37.1 To note and discuss issues and agree any actions required from the reports.

Due to staff illness reports are for information only.

38: TOWN:

38.1 To receive an update on repair work within the Memorial Gardens.

Ongoing.

38.2 To receive an update on Seafarers Memorial repainting

The Seafarer's Memorial has now been repainted.

38.3 To receive an update on the bus shelter near Longstone Manor

Homegroup have been made aware that members have accepted their contribution towards bus shelter maintenance, once received this bus shelter will become the property of Amble Town Council.

39: CEMETERIES:

West Cemetery

39.1 To receive a quote to repair the old mortuary.

A quote of £5722.00 plus VAT was received to repair the roof, a quote of £9505.00 plus VAT was received to demolish the building, with a further quote of £1200.00 plus VAT for fencing to match existing if required.

39.2 To receive an update on fountain area turf

Ongoing.

39.3 To receive a quote for raised kerbs at top of drive and fountain area if available

No quote available, staff have chased this up.

39.4 To receive an update on unstable memorial programme.

The last list of unstable memorials have now been laid down, however staff and members are still to check other missed memorials which were highlighted on the last memorial safety check.

40: PLAY AREAS:

Paddler's Park

40.1 To receive an update on relocation of a picnic table.

All work has now been completed.

40.2 To receive an update on turf incident

The incident has been reported to Police. Members to discuss options going forward.

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40.3 To receive an update on placement of a water meter or alternative.

No updates available.

40.4 To receive an update on water feature

The improved water feature pump is due to be fitted at the end of October.

40.5 To receive a quote to repaint the balance beams

A contractor has quoted £84 plus VAT to scrape off the rust, apply Hammerite Kurust to the rust areas, then apply 2 coats dark green smooth Hammerite.

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

41.1 To receive a quote for a plaque of the Radcliffe School Memorial.

Ongoing.

43: AGENDA ITEMS:

43.1 To discuss secure key storage at Amble West

Members are asked to discuss installing a combination code key storage box at Amble West to store the office key for easy access for members.

43.2 To discuss request for Litter Bin at Amble Library

Members to discuss the possibility of installing a bin outside Amble Library.

44: INFORMATION ITEMS:

44.1 To note the most recent Paddlers Park and Philip Drive Playground Reports.

Members are asked to note both reports.

44.2 To note town planting requirements

Staff have informed NCC of the council requirements for next year's planting.

44.3 To note fish sculpture sponsorship plaque.

The fish sculpture plaque has now been installed and the manager of The Amble Inn has been informed, who was very happy.

44.4 To note gate repair at Paddlers Park

A contractor was asked to supply a quote to repair a bent gate fixing on the play area gate at Paddler's Park, however no quote was supplied but staff were informed it had been repaired.

44.5 To note new lifebelt at Paddlers Park

NCC have now installed a new lifebelt at Paddlers Park.

44.6 To note landowner repair work

Repairs to the boundary fence should be completed by end of next month.