

CLERK REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024

98. FINANCIAL REPORT:

98.1 To consider voucher numbers 127 – for payment and 25 - for receipt.

For approval

98.2 Bank Reconciliation

To note

98.3 Year to date figures

To note

98.4 Grant Requests

None

98.5 To agree allocation of earmarked funds

Members to review the updated document and consider suggested allocations.

98.6 To receive the Annual Governance Statement 2023-24, Accounting Statement 2023-24 and External Auditor Report and Certificate 2023-24

Members to review the outcome of the AGAR. There were no issues raised.

Members to accept the AGAR.

99. AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

99.1 To note complaint re Paddlers Park and response

A letter of complaint was received regarding the decals and general ASB taking place at Paddler Park. The letter was also sent to The Ambler and a comment from ATC was provided.

99.2 To note remedial works required to Paddlers Park Water Feature

The remedial works have been agreed previously and the contractor has been instructed to carry out the works. A date to be agreed.

99.3 To discuss repainting of seafarers memorial and plans to rectify

A contractor was asked to touch up the painting on the seafarers memorial however upon checking the paint for the touch up has resulted in the anchor looking patchy. It was felt that the operative should have contacted the Council as soon as it was apparent that the colours were not going to match. This is to be raised at the SLA meeting. In the meantime, a contractor has been sourced to rectify the problem.

99.4 To note works needed to Memorial Garden steps

To note contractor has agreed to carry out the works.

99.5 To note defibrillator battery replacement

The battery at the Queen Street defibrillator has been replaced.

100: PLANNING COMMITTEE

100.1 To note September 2024 Planning Outcomes

To note

101. AGENDA ITEMS:

101.1 Update on Grave Digging Tender and to discuss and agree way forward for cemetery interments

In the short term the grave digger has agreed to cover Amble West for the next few weeks on the proviso that there are no doubles booked in. There may be another contractor interested however they are out of the Country at the moment and discussions will be held on their return.

101.2 To discuss CCTV review and possible relocations

A review of the current CCTV locations is to take place to ascertain whether there is appropriate coverage and whether it is possible to move an existing camera to hotspot areas. A meeting with contractor and Northumbria Police is needed.

101.3 To discuss offer from Home Group re Longstone Manor Bus Shelter

Home Group have offered TC £3000 for the Longstone Manor Bus Shelter maintenance over a period of 60 years. Members are asked to consider a suitable response.

101.4 To receive an update on Amble First School, internal designs, energy survey and to review the data provided by NCC

There is no update in terms of the internal designs or energy upgrades required. Both contractors are now in touch with one another to speed the process up. Additional data has been received by NCC such as certificates and compliance records.

101.5 To discuss arrangements for Public Consultation 23rd September re Need for a Community Centre/Hub

It is thought the original date of 9th September was too short notice and so an alternative date of 23rd September is proposed. It is expected that this will be an opportunity to ascertain the views and opinions of the community on whether there is support for a community centre / hub and what their thoughts are on the possible site. It will be made clear that there is no commitment at this stage.

101.6 To discuss quotations for Computer / IT / Website hosting and support solutions and agree way forward

Council continues to experience IT issues. NCC provide IT services for other parish councils and a bespoke pricing package has been developed to suit the needs of ATC. The support package would form an SLA however this could be phased and not everything would be required in one go. The notice period from existing supplier is one month. Members to consider the quotations received and decide which elements would be relevant to ATC.

101.7 To discuss letter from Amble Events Committee regarding, on its 100th anniversary, replicating the fundraising for the building of Amble War Memorial.

The Town Council has received a letter of request from the Events Committee asking permission to fund raise in remembrance of the unveiling of the clock tower. Members to consider the letter and make a decision.

101.8 To discuss funding request from Amble Events Committee

Amble Events Committee would like Council to consider additional funding for road closures for the Christmas Light Parade. Council already contributes £2000 to the Events Committee. Members to discuss.

101.8 To discuss content of meeting with NCC Leader & for the Lord Lieutenant

Members to decide some items of discussion for a loose agenda for both.

101.9 To seek retrospective approval for August newsletter

Members to agree to Newspaper content.

101.10 To discuss future arrangements for loan of Town Council equipment

Due to issues with returning equipment recently, Members are asked to consider way forward.

101.11 To discuss and agree inclusion in Bus Shelter Improvement Scheme Funding

A number of improvements have been identified that could make use of above funding if successful. Staff are working at pulling quotations in for identified work including Church Street Bus Shelter and small Acklington Road shelter. Members to agree to all works listed and applying to the fund. Deadline 20 September.

101.12 To arrange a date for the Sight Loss Council Walkabout

A number of dates to be agreed in conjunction with attendance from Cllr Terry Clark.

101.13 To discuss and agree transfer of Case work previously sent to Anne Marie Trevelyan

Members to discuss and agree what they would like done with all case work previously sent to Anne Marie Trevelyan.

102. COMMUNICATIONS: RECOMMENDATION - *That the Council note or discuss where necessary the items.*

102.1 NALC Newsletter August 24

102.2 Town and Parish Council Conference 3rd October 2024

102.3 CAN Newsletter

102.4 Banking Hub for Amble and offer of virtual meeting

102.5 Northumbria Connected

102.6 To note email re Mauretania Day

102.7 Citizens Advice Winter Fuel Allowance

102.8 To note letter to Tesco re CCTV

102.8 Resident letter to PCC

To note enbloc

103. INFORMATION ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR CIRCULATION:

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

103.1 To receive the notes of the Traffic and Parking meeting on 20th August 2024

103.2 To note the submission of the Town Councils LTP priorities

103.3 To receive notes of the meeting with Northumbria Police 13 August 2024

103.4 To receive notes of the partnership meeting with NCC 14 August 2024

103.5 To receive notes of meeting with Iain Hedley 8 August 2024

103.6 Invitation to River Coquet Action Group 12 September 2024

103.7 Code of Conduct (new document with dispensation added)

103.7 Acklington Road Parking Petition and TC Statement

103.8 Drone River Water Assessments

103.9 Notes of meeting with Greg Gavin re toilet refurbishment

To note enbloc

104. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

104.1 10 October 2024, Amble Town Council Offices, Fourways2 at 6p.m.

105. DATES FOR DIARIES

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: To consider passing the following resolution: That under Section 1(2) the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during

consideration of the following items on the agenda due to their sensitive nature.