

Amenities Committee Agenda Report – 30th January 2025

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65: ALLOTMENTS:

65.1 To receive a report from AAHS.

Members are asked to note the report.

Members to note AGM will be held at the end of May, date and time to be confirmed

65.2 To receive an update on Japanese Knot weed.

Staff have asked the contractor to carry out a further treatment at the East Cemetery and Gloster Hill. Members will be updated on a date once available.

65.3 To receive an update on damaged fence.

Staff have confirmed with the insurance company that the repair can go ahead for the larger fence damage.

Staff have received a quote of £1976 to repair the smaller damaged part of the fence, the contractor has been asked to carry out the work, however staff can not find a claim with the insurance company from 2022 for this fence so are unable to reclaim.

65.4 To receive an update following site meeting

Cllr Bewley to update members on items raised at the allotment site meeting on the 7th of December 2024.

67: ASSETS REPORTS:

67.1 To note and discuss issues and agree any actions required from the reports, if available

Members are asked to note both reports.

68: TOWN:

68.1 To receive an update on Tree Survey report works.

Ongoing.

68.2 To receive an update on the removal of road markings on Albert Street if available.

The Highways Manager has confirmed that the road markings will not be left to wear away, however no further updates at present.

68.3 To receive an update on the painting of Memorial Tower Rails and Door before May 2025 event.

Staff have confirmed with the contractor that the quote of £110 + VAT will still be valid in April. The contractor has been asked to update staff once a date has been scheduled in for the repainting in April.

68.4 To receive a quote for Barndale-by-the-Sea commemorative plaque.

Members are asked to approve the size and design of the commemorative plaque at a cost of £12.40. Barndale-by-the-sea are happy with the wording and size.

68.5 To discuss installing seats in bus shelters.

Members were asked to discuss installing seating within a few bus shelters where space allows. These include 2 on Percy Drive, 2 on The Wynd and possibly 1 on Acklington Road near the new estate of Longstone Manor.

Staff have received a quote from the original bus shelter company to install a seat two thirds of the width of the bus shelter leaving a space for wheelchair access. The quote for seats to be supplied and installed for 4/5 bus shelters is £1,876/£2,070.

Staff to check the bus shelter on Acklington Road prior to the meeting to ensure it will be possible for a seat to be installed.

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68.6 To discuss signage for litter bins

Members are asked to discuss adding signage to the bins at the entrance of the Quayside carpark to highlight the larger bins within the carpark for chip boxes to reduce rubbish overflow.

69: CEMETERIES:

West Cemetery

69.1 To receive a quote for raised kerbs at top of drive and fountain area.

It was agreed to delegate Cllr Bewley and Cllr Parks to discuss all quotes and choose a contractor. A contractor has now been chosen, however before any works are carried out a further site meeting is to be arranged to clarify the works and discuss the additional issue to raise the sink near the existing kerbs.

69.2 To receive an update on unstable memorial programme.

Ongoing

70: PLAY AREAS:

Paddler's Park

70.1 To receive an update on turf

No updates available.

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

No updates available.

70.3 To receive an update on the repainting of the balance beams

The repainting work is still to be done, due to conditions not being suitable for external painting.

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

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

Discussions with the contractor are ongoing.

71.2 To receive an update on the reinstallation of seat and trees along Percy Drive/ Hauxley Grange.

Staff contacted Persimmons to arrange a site visit before any work is carried out. However, as the seat location was previously agreed work began preparing the base on the 20th of January. Persimmons have agreed to meet to discuss the tree planting. Staff to inform members of a date once available.

73: AGENDA ITEMS:

73.1 To discuss any upcoming events in 2026.

To enable staff to plan ahead, members are asked if there are any events ATC wish to celebrate in 2026.

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74: INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

Members are asked to note both reports. Members to discuss the following issues that have been highlighted,

Cradle swings - It was noted on a previous report that the bolts were loose, Staff contacted NCC get these tightened up, this week plastic collar has slight damage/wear at both side of the same swing.

Green Activity Board - Plastic cover over bolt head broken.

Small Multi Unit with Slide - damaged cap underneath, leaving sharp edges.

4 seat springer - minor rust developing on spring.

Caterpillar - 2 caps missing.

Large Multi Unit with slide - some minor fraying to rope and cap underneath play frame missing.

74.2 To note a quote for the servicing of the roller shutters is being sourced.

Staff are sourcing quotes to service the window and door roller shutters on the West Cemetery office.

74.3 To note installation of Memorial Plaque.

Members to note the memorial plaque on the seat near the cliff house was installed on the 11th of December.