

Amenities Committee Agenda Report – 28th May 2026

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5: ALLOTMENTS:

5.1 To receive a report from AAHS, if available

Members are asked to note the report.

5.2 To receive an update on installing a bollard at the west allotment

Staff have sourced a similar cast iron removable bollard as installed at the East Allotments; at a total cost of £411.00 + £82.20 VAT the cost includes the bollard with a Class 2 white reflective band with padlock and delivery. Members are asked if staff should keep on file until the in-house team is established

5.3 To receive an update on skips

Staff are awaiting instruction from AAHS on a date to order two skips for the East Allotment which members agreed to at April's Full Council.

5.4 To note knotweed

A contractor will apply 3 applications of weed killer over the next 12 months to knotweed at four plots within the East Allotments and also at the Gloster Hill site at a total cost of £420.00 which was authorised by the Town Clerk under delegated powers.

7: ASSETS REPORT:

7.1 To note and discuss issues and agree any actions required from the report, if available

Members are asked to note the report.

8: TOWN:

8.1 To receive an update on signage for Memorial Gardens

The contractor has collected the signage; staff will inform members once the signage has been installed.

8.2 To receive an update on the coal trucks

The contractor has collected the coal truck inserts; staff will inform members once the work has been completed.

8.3 To note termination of the Amble Inn Sponsorship of the Fish Sculpture

The Amble Inn has been very happy to offer sponsorship money to Amble Town Council for the past few years for the fish roundabout statue and coal truck on Percy Drive.

However, The Amble Inn have made the decision to withdraw sponsorship moving forward as they seek to aid further causes within Amble.

The Amble Inn thanked Amble Town Council for the recognition given to them in a form of the plaque installed on the Fish Sculpture.

8.4 To receive an update on the works highlighted on the Tree Survey

A contractor was asked to carry out the works highlighted on the recent Tree Survey at a total cost of £640.00 which was authorised by the Town Clerk under delegated powers.

9: CEMETERIES:

West Cemetery

9.1 To note purchase of replacement bins for the West Cemetery

The bins within the West Cemetery are the property of NCC. As NCC are no longer emptying the bins they have requested these be returned.

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The town clerk authorised the purchase of 10 new wheelie bins for the West Cemetery at a total cost of £359.40 + £71.88 VAT under delegated powers. The new bins are now in place at the West Cemetery and staff have informed NCC to collect their bins.

9.2 Site Visit

Members to discuss any items highlighted from the site visit.

10: PLAY AREAS:

Paddler's Park

10.1 To receive an update on water feature

Members to receive an update from Full Council

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

11.1 To receive an update regarding the Replacement Bin Schedule

Members agreed to the purchase of 10 new bins to replace old bins within the town at March's Amenities Meeting, so as not to prolong the bin replacement schedule members are asked to discuss the following quote from NCC or if they wish to wait until the in-house team are established.

The quote from NCC includes the following -

Take delivery and store 10 new litter bins

Total £365.75 + VAT

Removal of 10 old litter bins and replace with new

Total £1821.93 + VAT

Relocation of 3 of the removed litter bins

Total £546.57 +VAT

Disposal of 10 old litter bins

Total £100.00 + VAT

Total overall cost £2834.25 + VAT

13: AGENDA ITEMS:

13.1 To note West Cemetery office shutter service report and works required

Members are asked to note the West Cemetery office shutter service report.

Within the report it was noted locks on one of the window shutters were completely seized, it is recommended within the report to replace these locks and the other two window shutter locks, so all windows are keyed alike

Members are asked if they wish to carry out the repair at a cost of £680.00 + VAT.

13.2 To discuss relocating a town bin

A resident had requested the bin near the bus stop on Church Street be moved due to constant debris at the entrance to his flat. At March's Amenities meeting members thought an option to install flaps on the bin would alleviate this issue, however after investigation staff can confirm that flaps cannot be retro fitted to the bin. Members are asked to reconsider relocating the bin however there are not a lot of options of location within the area, but the area does require a bin.

13.3 To discuss future additional seating

Members are asked to discuss discontinuing the allowance of additional town seating.

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13.4 To discuss installing an additional bin at Longstone Manor bus stop

A resident has requested an additional bin to be installed at the bus stop at Longstone Manor on Acklington Road. NCC have confirmed they would be ok with this for emptying. Members are asked to discuss.

13.5 To discuss cut back of trees within the West Cemetery

A resident has requested the trees above the children's grave section be cut back to lessen the amount of bird faeces on memorials, which can within time cause damage to the memorials. Members are asked to discuss.

13.6 To discuss coal truck planting

Members are asked to discuss planting arrangements for the coal trucks once the work to the coal trucks has been completed.

14: INFORMATION ITEMS:

14.1 To note the most recent Paddler's Park and Philip Drive Playground Reports

Members to note playground reports

14.2 To note Clock Tower Service

The next annual clock tower service is booked for the 3rd of June

14.3 To note Clock Tower Lightning Conductor Test

The next annual clock tower lightning conductor test is booked for the 15th of June

14.4 To note ROSPA inspection

Staff have been informed the next annual ROSPA inspection is scheduled to take place during the month of June

14.5 To note Memorial Gardens volunteers

Staff have provided all persons who would like to volunteer within the Memorial Gardens with a risk assessment and requested they complete an emergency contact sheet to be returned to staff.

14.6 To note change of date for Fixed Appliance Test

Members are asked to note the fixed appliance test will now be carried out on the 17th of July.

15: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Meeting date will be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 30th July 2026, in the Town Council Office, Top Floor, Fourways 2, Amble NE65 0DT.