

Local Services Board Meeting

Friday, 11 May 2018 at 2.00pm

Northumberland County Council (NCC) Depot, Tweedmouth.

Present: Terry Harkins, Paul Rose (NCC); Cllr Alan Bowlas, Cllr Brian Douglas, Cllr Alex Gibson, Cllr Karin Graham, Steve Cozens, Julian Smith (Berwick Town Council).

The cradle seat at Grove Gardens South Play Park has been actioned.

Riding of the Bounds went OK, everybody pleased.

Taken plastic away from bus shelters at Prior and outside Asda.

Taken away bracket at Pier Road.

Big sweeper is off road for 2 weeks, small sweeper back on today.

Grass cutting has started, playing catch-up due to weather. Grass at play parks also been cut.

Weed spraying has been started. Completed on basis of NCC Wards: Berwick North first, then Berwick East and then Berwick West with Ord. This week almost finished Berwick North. A complete cycle of Wards should take 4 weeks. If weeds are seen after spraying then wait 1 week (for a chance for the weed spraying to work) before bringing to anyone's attention.

Both Local Service Officers have been on basic weed spraying course (PA1) whilst 1 has been on PA6. The other will also attend PA6.

Aim is to do another weed spraying cycle in July.

Play Park inspections. Still only 1 person trained up, but completing them weekly.

Toilets at Castlegate – problems underneath flooring fixed.

Still clearing sand at Spittal Promenade, still got a bit to do.

The pre-opening checks at Spittal Splash Park are on-going. The splash park will open at the end of May. There is a lead-in time, so will need to have discussions if the splash park is to be opened earlier. There will be an extra cost for this. NCC Have not been asked to jet wash the splash park.

Spittal Play Park Swing. Terry Harkins to mention about inspections to the person who undertakes them.

The planters need compost. Steve Cozens to provide purchase order number to NCC so that compost can be purchased.

Terry Harkins asked when summer bedding is to be ordered. Steve Cozens to ask RL.

A planter is broken. NCC to speak to joiner seek solution. Alex Gibson to provide contact details for the joiner.

Could the sand be removed from the path that runs from the picnic area to the play area? NCC to take a look.

Painting gates at five arches.

Loosened the ties on cherry trees in Tweedmouth Cemetery too tight.

NCC to repair section of fencing at Tweedmouth Cemetery which has been removed and put a gate in. Pivots will also be placed along there.

Cllr Alex Gibson provided pictures of 2 graves that are in a poor state. NCC to look at and possibly seed over.

Cllr Brian Douglas mentioned the fence at Jingling Bridge and asked where orders for NCC to complete work come from. Terry Harkins explained that an electronic Request for Work form is submitted by the Town Council office.

Cans and bottles are being left down by the side of the wall at The Shambles. NCC are still aware of them, Parks / Green Spaces officers to look at.

Spiders Alley was mentioned. NCC are trying to keep on top off.

Dog fouling on the Quay Walls. NCC are up there on a daily basis. There is a massive improvement.

Damage to grass on parade. NCC have instructed the person who empties the bins not to drive on the grass. The people who operate the burger van say they have permission to park there every Friday. Bob Hodgson is checking with licencing.

Assett Tagging. Julian Smith is investigating.

There are a number of bus stops on Castle Terrace still, despite no bus routes operating along that road. NCC Neighbourhood Services Team to pass on to NCC Highways.

It was noted that Neil Howie is the best contact for NCC Highways.

The state of the walls near the Catholic School were mentioned. NCC are getting a quote.

Murphey Beach near pumping station on the north side of the town, near holiday park, concrete broken on steps. Terry Harkins mentioned that NCC are aware of that and are trying to get someone to take responsibility.

Plastic barriers near railway bridge – contact highways.

Alex Gibson asked if the play area inspectors are available on Thursday at 2pm to meet at Flagstaff Park as he has a meeting with Kompan.

Terry Harkins provided a key for the Parade notice board.

Noticeboard attached to Spittal Promenade railings: Terry Harkins to investigate to see if he can provide a key.

St Cuthbert's Primary School have been litter picking. NCC have taken bags away.

Insurance for volunteer litter pickers at parks was discussed.

Community Pay Back. Meeting between BTC and NCC on Monday. A few ideas were mentioned.

Next meeting: Friday 15 June 2018 at 2pm.