

## Otterburn Parish Council – Parish Clerk's Report

2 March, 2017 – 29 March, 2017

**Item 4b: Julia Plinston, CAN: Proposals for Community Transport research:** This is a topic that has been discussed previously and Julia will provide details as to what CAN can do to help undertake the necessary detailed research as to what Community Transport is required in Redesdale.

**Item 5a: Pedestrian and traffic safety through the village:** At time of writing this the work has not started on the traffic calming. It was mentioned that this should begin last week in March dependant on weather. I will attempt to get an update from Neil Snowdon (NCC) before the meeting.

**Item 5b: Millennium Green redevelopment:** With the assistance of Val and Joe Corbett a good number of the shrubs from Trees Please Ltd have been planted. Additionally as covered in emails during the month some have been planted at the area just outside the play area in Brierley Gardens. There are still some remaining that need planting soon as they are bare rooted. Consideration will need to be given on the maintenance of the Millennium Green when these shrubs grow. There were very few people assisting me to plant the shrubs so in absence of volunteers you need to consider other options including paying for a gardener to ensure the area does not become overgrown.

**Item 5c: Ray Wind update:** All households within the 10km catchment area of Ray Wind should have received an invite to attend a drop-in Information event. The first is on 4 April at Kirkharle Courtyard and the second on 6 April at Elsdon Village Hall. Both will run from 4.00pm – 8.00pm. This is an opportunity to speak to people on not only the progress of the development and project but find out through Community Foundation the types of areas that funding may be available.

**Item 5d: Additional Play Area equipment:** I have been advised that work is due to start w/c 10 April for the installation of the new equipment at the Play Area in Brierley Gardens.

**Item 5e: Revitalising Redesdale - update:** Following Lydia Speakman's visit at the last meeting this is a reminder that residents are still able to provide feedback on the proposed projects by 21 April. This can be done via the website [www.revitalisingredesdale.org.uk/](http://www.revitalisingredesdale.org.uk/) and/or facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/revitalisingredesdale/>

**Item 5f: Village tidy-up:** Thanks go to Yasemin Oliver, Val Corbett, Jane Cartridge, Gill Chilvers, Anne Telfer & Mr Walker who volunteered their time on 25 March to help pick up litter across the village. Over 12 bags of litter were collected.

**Item 5g: Litterbin outside the public toilets:** Cllr Farrell will advise as to whether he can repair the lock on the litter bin. Dependant on this update you will need to consider the options of whether to purchase just a new bin liner (approx £50.00) or a whole new bin and if the latter what type should be chosen. The cost of a new bin similar to that currently in place would be approx £300. A bin similar to the type in the play area would cost approx £120 for the metal post and £20 for the bin plus concrete and someone to install it.

**Item 6b: Refund of advertisement payment for the Rede Valley newsletter:** It would appear there are no volunteers to take over from Jane Cartridge as editor of the newsletter so a decision has been made to no longer continue publication. Some advertisers are owed refund from the remaining balance of the newsletter and you will be asked to agree payments to those seeking this. It is proposed to pay any remaining balance to local charities.

**Item 7a: 16NP0113/114/115 & 116: Construction of holiday lodge (lodges 17, 18, 31 & 32): Otterburn Hall Estate Response to Parish Council objection:** I have shared with you the response from NNPA following your decision to object to these applications and you will be asked to consider what, if any, reply you wish to make.

**Item 7b: 17NP0032: Construction of holiday lodge, Lodge 20, Otterburn Hall Estate, NE19 1HE:** You will be asked to comment on this application details of which I have shared with you and also posted on the website.

**Item 8a: Grass cutting at Millennium Green, Willow Green and Children's Play Area:** Further to the emails shared on the criteria for the cutting of these three areas I will share with you the quotes I should have received by the meeting and you will need to consider who will be asked to cut the grass in 2017 and 2018.

**Item 8b: Street lights switching to LED:** You will have noticed some street lights have already been switched to LED. I have been advised by NCC that a survey had to be undertaken on all lights. Those old style lights still remaining may need new columns and this work will be undertaken by end of June 2017 latest.

**Item 8c: Parking at Kielder Water & Forest Park:** I have received a letter from Lynn Turner, Director, Kielder Water & Forest Park Development Trust. She advises that residents of Otterburn are eligible for free parking at Kielder. If people wish to apply for a permit then they need to take evidence of their address e.g. utility bill or council tax bill to Kielder Waterside reception. One pass is allowed per household and will need to be renewed annually. Any queries can be directed to either 01661 855525 or [info@visitkielder.com](mailto:info@visitkielder.com)

**Item 8d: Additional defibrillator training:** Damien Weston who provided training last year is willing to run a further session should people want this. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk at [otterburnpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:otterburnpc@hotmail.co.uk)

**Item 8e: May Parish Council meeting:** As a meeting must be held within 2 weeks the elections the May meeting will be on Tuesday 16 May and include the Annual Meeting that will precede the 'Ordinary' meeting.