

Otterburn Parish Council – Parish Clerk's Report
13 June, 2018 – 27 June, 2018

Item 5a: Ray Wind update: The applicants of the first round of small grants funds have been notified whether they have been successful. I understand that the Grant Agreement between the Community Interest Company and Vattenfall has been signed. I am attending a meeting on Thursday and will update at the Parish Council meeting.

Item 5b: Millennium Green development: You will have noticed that the work has been completed at the Millennium Green. You will be asked to consider feedback and possible future development plans.

Item 5c: Parish Council vacancy: I have been advised from NCC that you, the Councillors, are able to co-opt a new Councillor to fill the vacancy created following Cllr Tinlin's resignation.

Item 5d: State of Otterburn estate: A meeting has been arranged for 28 June with representatives from National Park planning to discuss the points previously highlighted.

Item 6c: Payment of invoice to C. Mowatt: You will be asked to approve the invoice for grass cutting.

Item 6d: Payment to NCC for litter bin locking post: I am expecting the invoice for the locking post for £140 + VAT that you will be asked to approve.

Item 6e: Payment for work at Millennium Green: You will be asked to approve the invoice for work carried out by Neil Jones.

Item 6f: Payment for Play Area annual inspection: You will be asked to approve the payment of £105.00 (including £17.50 VAT) for the annual inspection.

Item 6g: Payment to the 'handy-man' for Parish public seating maintenance: You will be asked to approve the payment for the work on one bench completed as well as the purchase of paint.

Item 8a: Visit from NCC to review road safety: I am still attempting to arrange a meeting with a NCC representative to review the road safety within the parish. This will include the pinch point along the main road in Otterburn as well as the junction of the A696 and A68.

Item 8b: Children's Play Area inspection report: I have shared the report from the inspector and you will be asked to consider what, if any, action should be taken.

Item 8c: Remembrance of the end of World War 1: With 2018 being the centenary of the end of World War 1 you will be asked to consider what action the Parish Council should take to mark the occasion.

Item 8d: Weeds growing in the roads & pavements around the Parish: It has been noted that there are an increasing number of weeds in the roads and pavements across the parish and you will be asked to consider what action can be taken.

Item 8e: Planning for winter services: During the last winter it was largely a team of volunteers who cleared key pavements within the village. You will be asked to consider what plans the Parish Council can begin to implement in readiness for next winter.

Item 8f: Location of public seating in Otterburn: The seat repaired so far was the one located under trees opposite the Council depot. You will be asked to consider if there is a more appropriate location for this to be placed.

Item 8g: Cygnus support campervan consultation: Cygnus support provide support and services for the health and wellbeing of women, men and young people. They are running a series of 'campervan consultation events' in the area in July wishing to hear the views of local residents on what it feels like to live in a rural community and to see how their services can provide support to those who need it near to where they live. On Monday 16 July they will be in Otterburn (10.00am), Rochester (12.00pm), Byrness (2.00pm) and Kirkwhelpington (4.00pm). They are also in the area on 17, 18 and 19 July and you can see details at the website <http://www.parish-council.com/Otterburn/news.asp>