

Otterburn Parish Council – Parish Clerk's Report

(5 June – 26 June, 2019)

Item 5a: Ray Wind update: I will provide an update following the Open meeting at Kirkwhelpington on 6 June. Consider how to improve the communication across the parish so more people are aware of the funding available as well as the hyper-fast broadband. On the latter topic I am pleased to advise that Otterburn has achieved the required 50% registration of interest although apparently there is a little concern over the number who expressed 'maybe' rather than a definite 'yes' for the service.

Item 5b: Road safety in the Parish: I am attempting to contact Neil Snowdon (NCC) for timescales of the work to be undertaken within the village and hope to have an update for you.

Item 5c: Community Speed Watch scheme: I am attempting to get a progress report from PC Lee Davison on this matter. In addition to four names from Otterburn I have also provided six from Rochester who are interested in taking part in the scheme.

Item 5d: Revitalising Redesdale update: The Chair will provide an update following a Steering group meeting on 12 June.

Item 5e: Footpath connecting Willow Green to Children's Play Area: Following your agreement to split the Parish Council conveyance fees 50/50 with the footpath owner with his agreement to assist with maintenance of the footpath including trimming the hedge both sides for two years I have written to him to confirm matters. I have also written to Gibson & Co solicitors to ask them to contact Mr Lynn to begin the transfer of title to the Parish Council.

Item 5f: Otterburn street lights: I am still looking to get a response from Lynsey Sawyer and Gavin Barlow (NCC) to the email following the review of the street lights of Otterburn. I hope to have an update for you for the meeting.

Item 5g: Plans for Otterburn 2019 and beyond: You will be asked to consider the next steps and timescales for this work.

Item 5h: Dog mess bag dispensers and signage: You will be asked to consider the options to highlight the dog mess bag dispensers as well as the possibility of some parishioners adding a sticker to their bins to take dog mess bags.

Item 6b: Payment of invoice to C. Mowatt for grass cutting: I should have an invoice for the recent grass cutting in the Parish.

Item 6c: Payment of invoice to Playsafety Ltd: You will be asked to agree the payment of the amount of £107.40 including VAT for the recent play area annual inspection.

Item 6d: Payment of invoice to Otterburn Memorial Hall: You will be asked to agree to the payment of £50.00 for the room hire for the five Parish Council meetings up to and including July, 2019.

Item 7a: 19NP0043: Variation of condition no2 of planning permission 18NP0129 (occupancy restriction) to permit year-round holiday only occupancy: Lodge 1, Otterburn Hall Estate, NE19 1HE: You have supported this application and I have advised NNPA.

Item 7b: 19/01630/FUL: Detached dwelling & garage: Land north of Cairncroft, Memory Lane, Willow Green, Otterburn, NE19 1LL: You have supported this application and I have advised NCC including those concerns raised.

Item 8c: Flashing speed warning signs: Whilst NWL are still in looking to provide a legacy following the completion of the water treatment works in Otterburn they would like to meet to discuss options and costs. I have shared some possible dates / times and hope to provide an update at the meeting.

Item 8d: Proposed monument at Cold Law: You will have seen the letter regarding this matter and the heard the latest report from NCC regarding the application. You will need to consider what action the Parish Council should take.

Item 8e: Review of the Play Area annual inspection: I have shared the report from the recent inspection and you will be asked to consider what action should be taken.

Item 8f: Vandalism at Otterburn Hall Estate: You will have seen email from Cllr Peto regarding the recent vandalism on Otterburn Hall and Annexe and you will be asked to consider what, if any, action the Parish Council should take.