

**Otterburn Parish Council – Parish Clerk's Report
(7 April, 2021 – 6 May, 2021)**

Item 5a: Ray Wind update: Through Community Foundation the Ray Windfunds Small Grants Fund is open for applications until 31 May. Details can be found at https://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/group_grant/funding-for-charitable-activities-within-a-10km-radius-of-the-ray-wind-farm/

Item 5b: Road safety in the Parish: I have shared the latest report from Neil Snowdon (NCC) with possibilities to resolve the pavement parking problem and speeding through Otterburn should be presented to the Parish Council in early May. You will be asked to give consideration to this matter for response to NCC.

Item 5c: Revitalising Redesdale update: I have shared the local walks that will feature in a leaflet for people visiting the area and your feedback is welcomed. The Parish Council has been successful in applying for grant to fund the cost of the flower boxes and plants. Work is due to start soon on the redevelopment at Percy's Cross the details of which I have shared at a previous meeting.

Item 5d: Northumbria Water Treatment Works legacy: The first speed indicator camera has been installed at the bottom of Bankfoot and the second will shortly be installed. Thanks go to both Northumbria Water and Ray Windfunds for funding this project. Meantime communications continue with Northumbria Police and NCC regarding assistance to manage the speed of traffic through Redesdale villages. Whilst the Police have advised they cannot support the portable ANPR speed camera the local Parish Councils await to hear what assistance can be provided.

Item 5e: Solar light near Redewater View houses: I have shared the email from NCC regarding this matter and the options and costs provided to have a solar camera installed. You will be asked to give consideration to how the Parish Council should proceed.

Item 5f: Maintenance of the public toilets in Otterburn: I have had no further contact from Greg Gavin (NCC) on this matter and you will be asked as to how you wish to proceed.

Item 5g: Street lighting near Council Depot: I am still waiting confirmation of the type and timescale of the lighting that will be installed alongside the salt depot to illuminate the pavement.

Item 5i: Flower boxes: You may have noticed that the four flower boxes have been put in place and filled with compost and flowers. Thanks go to Cllr Peto and family for this work. Thanks also go to Revitalising Redesdale for providing a grant for the boxes and plants from the Community Heritage Fund.

Item 5j: Community litter picking 2021: Thanks are expressed to the volunteers who turned out on 10 April to assist with the litter picking. Over 15 bags of rubbish as well as a number of 'other' items were collected. All of which has helped to make Otterburn that bit tidier.

Item 5k: Tree in Millennium Green to remember Elsie Kinghorn: I am pleased to advise a weeping cherry has been planted in the Millennium Green. Jean Turnbull made arrangements and will collect a notice from Slate & Nature to placed at the bottom of the tree.

Item 6g: Payment of invoice to NALC for annual subscription: You will be asked to sanction the payment of this invoice for £152.54

Item 6h: Review and payment of the Parish Insurance: At this point I am still waiting details of the insurance renewal from 1 June. I will share when received and you will be asked to given consideration and agreement how to proceed.

Item 6i: Reimbursement to G. Peto for community compost & plants: You have agreed to the cost of £108.44 being reimbursed. This figure has been included in the grant received from Revitalising Redesdale.

Item 6j: Reimbursement to A. Shone for purchase of brackets for the speed cameras: You will be asked to agree to sanction this reimbursement.

Item 8a: Vacancy on the Parish Council: With five nominations submitted there is a vacancy on the Parish Council and you will be asked to consider how you wish to proceed with the co-option to fill this role.

Item 8b: Free parking at Kielder Water & Forest Park for local residents: Residents of Otterburn can claim a free parking pass for Kielder Water & Forest Park. For details please see the Parish Council website.

Item 8c: Superfast broadband in Otterburn: I will provide an update on progress of this topic at the meeting.