

Otterburn Parish Council – Parish Clerk's Report

(3 May – 31 May, 2023)

6a: Ray Wind update: For details on the various grants available please view the Ray Windfunds website at <https://raywindfund.co.uk/> or alternatively contact Jo Willis, Community Development Officer, on either admin@raywindfund.co.uk or 07762 179579.

6b: Road safety in the Parish: I have emailed Neil Snowdon (NCC) seeking a progress report on the work at the junction of A696 / B6320 and will provide an update if I receive a reply before the meeting.

6c: Revitalising Redesdale local footpaths: I have received two quotes from Martin Dodd in respect of the two areas of the Otterburn trail requiring work. These have been agreed by NNPA for the new fence line / pathway of the trail adjacent to the Le Petit Château and by Natural England for the drainage to reduce the muddy & slippery areas at a couple of different sections of the trail. Mr Dodd advises he expects the work to be completed by the end of June.

6d: Electric power supply in the Millennium Green: I have had a conversation with Chris Mitchell (Northern Powergrid) in an attempt to combine the anticipated installation of the EV charging point at the Millennium Green and this project for which a Ray Windfunds grant has been received. I will share any update I receive from Mr Mitchell.

6e: Northern Powergrid (NPG) energy resilience grant funding: I hope to have an update from the Memorial Hall committee on the progress of this work.

6f: EV charging points at the Millennium Green: I have shared the Licencing document in respect of the proposed installation of EV charging point at the Millennium Green. You will be asked to consider and provide a response.

6g: School flashing light and other roads signs: I am seeking an update on when the work to replace and repair the signs previously highlighted will happen and hope to provide an update at the meeting.

6h: Footpath towards Otterburn school: I have emailed Geoff Cairns (NCC) seeking an update on when the work to restore the original width of the pavement will happen and hope to have an update at the meeting.

6j: Redevelopment of the Otterburn public toilets: I have shared with you the email from Paul Jones (NCC) on the proposed redevelopment of the toilets and you will be asked to consider what, if any, action is required.

7d: Payment of the Parish Council insurance premium: Following discussion at the last meeting the section including the garden equipment cover has been removed and the premium reduced slightly.

9a: Local Transport Programme 2024/25: I have shared the details for the next LTP submission as well as feedback from the requests made last year. You will be asked to consider what, if any, requests should be made by the cut-off date of 28 July.

9b: Fireworks at Woodhill Hall on 24 July: I have been advised that there will be fireworks at Woodhill Hall on 24 July at approximately 10:30pm.

9c: Hedge trimming request at the play area / Willow Green: I have been asked if the Parish Council can arrange for the hedges on either side of the pathway that joins the play area and Willow Green to be trimmed as growth has narrowed the width of the path.

9d: Bike station proposal: I will provide an update on this topic at the meeting for your consideration.