

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Partnership Board

Information Report

Thursday 19 Sept 2024

This report will not form part of the meeting. The contents are intended for information only. Should any member have questions or want further information about the items, please contact the Town Clerk or Principal Officer in the first instance.

Information

1. Allotments.

The water meters on all sites are read monthly and those readings are submitted to wave to get as accurate a bill as possible, this has led to some sites being in credit due to Wave overestimating the sites usage. Vacant plots are re-let following the Allotment Waiting procedure. Allotment inspections are being carried out as per the schedule.

Bolam Allotments the installation of the new system was started on the appointed date and all works were completed in two weeks and there have been no issues following the installation.

2. Play Areas.

All weekly inspections are being carried as per the inspection programme by both NCC and BTC Officers, the quarterly inspections are also being conducted by both BTC and NCC Officers.

Several minor repairs have been carried out to various equipment.

Axwell Drive Refurbishment.

The appointed contractor Wicksteed has accepted the contract following the Tender process and will commence work Wk Comm 9 September 2024. This will be proceeded by the removal of the existing play area the week before. All works will be completed before the Half Term holidays in October 2024

3. Bins.

Additional bins have been installed in several locations; any damaged bins have been replaced. More bins have been ordered so we have a convenient stock to enable quick replacement. There still are ongoing issues with bins being filled with household rubbish.

4. Bus Shelters.

The inspection programme of the bus shelters is being carried out as per the schedule. Damage/vandalism to shelters is still ongoing and repairs to shelters are carried out where needed by the approved contractors. The Neat Team have also been requested to clean the roofs of the shelters throughout the Town additional equipment has been ordered to facilitate this.

5. Speed Sensors.

The batteries on 17 sensors are changed every two weeks and this includes the downloading of the data on each sensor. That data is shared with the Police and Highways who can then identify locations to deploy the mobile speed camera and the handheld speed guns. Two sensors are now failing to connect to our phones and enabling data to download.

6. Defibrillators.

Since the last meeting we have been informed by email from the Circuit that the access code has been requested and given out on only 4 occasions.

The requests are as follows.

Arms Evertyne House = 0

Newsham = 1

Ridley Park = 1

Marketplace = 2

Dave Stephens Centre = 0

On these occasions when officers attended the defibrillators, it has been cleaned down. No pads have been replenished from stock, this suggests that although they had been deployed, they have not been used on these occasions.

7. CCTV Systems.

The Police have accessed our CCTV system once since the last meeting. CCTV locations as of May 2024.

1	North Farm Play Area
2	St Johns MUGA
3	Plessey Road Back Lane (was Beaumont/Gladstone Street.)
4	Marketplace East /Out of Service
4 a	Marketplace West
5	Bowes Street Play Area
6	Axwell Drive Play Area
7	Ogle Drive Olga Potts Play Area
8	Hepple Court (skate park location)
9	Isabella Heap
10	Isabella Pavilion
11	Broadway Play Area
12	Burns Avenue Play Area
13	Hepple Court (was spare.)
14	Banbury Way
15	South Beach Play Area
16	Kitty Brewster Play Area
17	Mermaid Car Park 2

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