

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Environment Committee

Tuesday 28 May 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 and Deputy Town Clerk 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.

Water Refurbishment contract has been awarded to Ardent Utilities and are due to start 10th June works are expected to take two weeks. Bolam allotments will be closed from Forster Memorial Cottages to vehicular access during the repair period.

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 repairs to the Wetpour surfaces have been carried out in various locations, as well with other minor repairs to 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 preceded 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.

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.

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.

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 16 occasions.

The requests are as follows.

Arms Everytne House = 2
Newsham = 2
Ridley Park = 3
Marketplace = 7
Dave Stephens Centre = 2

On each occasion when officers have attended the defibrillators, they have been cleaned down. No pads have been replenished from stock, this suggests that although they have been deployed, they have not been used on each occasion.

7. CCTV Systems.

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

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| 1 | North Farm Play Area |
| 2 | St Johns MUGA |
| 3 | Beaumont Street/Gladstone Street |
| 4 | Marketplace East /Out of Service |
| 4 a | Marketplace West |
| 5 | Bowes Street Play Area |

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| 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 | Spare |
| 14 | Banbury Way |
| 15 | South Beach Play Area |
| 16 | Kitty Brewster Play Area |
| 17 | Mermaid Car Park 2 |

8. Council Van

The Blyth Town Council van is now in service.

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