

NORTH LODGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Lodge Parish Council held at Park View School, Lombard Drive, Chester-le-Street on Tuesday 19th July 2016.

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr. Elsie Forrester.
Councillors: Margaret Caygill, Jackie Martin, Maureen May,
Carole Walton, Dennis Hall, Colin Noble-Nesbitt,
David Snaith, John Waugh.

County Councillor: Peter May.

Clerk: David Murrell.

A Resident

The Chairman welcomed everyone, in particular the resident who had expressed an interest in being co-opted to the Council. A representative of the Police had been due to attend the meeting. However, Cllr. Jackie Martin advised that the representative was unable to attend because of illness.

As all Councillors and the Clerk were present, and with the very hot weather conditions in mind, the Chairman commenced the meeting at 6.00pm.

Item 1. 16/76 Apologies for Absence

There were no Apologies for Absence.

Item 2. 16/77 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Margaret Caygill declared an interest as a Governor of Park View School. Cllr. Jackie Martin declared an interest as Chairman of North Lodge Residents Association.

Item 3. 16/78 Report of the County Councillor

The Chairman invited County Councillor Peter May to give his report which included matters contained in his written report attached (Appendix 1). The County Cllr. agreed to request the County Council to cut back vegetation along the footpath from the motorway roundabout to Picktree Village, and to cut back overhanging trees at Picktree Lodge.

The Chairman thanked the County Councillor for his report.

Item 4. 16/79 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st June 2016, draft copies of which had been previously circulated, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the Meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Item 5. 16/80 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report included matters contained in her written report attached (Appendix 2).
Councillors thanked the Chairman for her report.

Regarding outstanding matters -

- a) Re Minute 16/65 section a). Re overhanging vegetation on the footpath between North Road and Lyndhurst Avenue, County Cllr. May advised that this had now been cut back by the County Council although the path still required weeding and sweeping.
- b) Re Minute 16/66 section c2). Re the previously requested extension of the yellow lines at the entrance to Lombard Drive, Cllr. Noble-Nesbitt advised that County Council officers would be visiting the site at a time and date yet to be arranged to consider the proposal. The Clerk is to contact the County Council to request that a Parish Councillor is invited to attend the site meeting.
- c) Re Minute 16/68. Re funding for the maintenance of the bus shelters, the Chairman had investigated the possibility of external funding but this would be unlikely to be achieved as the Council does not have charity status. This matter is to be put on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr. Waugh had brought to the meeting the new sign for the bus shelter at Northlands roundabout. Councillors were pleased with the appearance of the sign. The Clerk is to arrange for the sign to be attached to the shelter.

Item 6. 16/81 Portfolio Holders' Reports

a) Crime and Community Safety

The Chairman invited Cllr. Jackie Martin to give her report which included the matters contained in her written report attached (Appendix 3).

County Cllr. May advised that Durham Constabulary, in partnerships with universities, are investing heavily in new technology and this was making the Constabulary an attractive organisation for technology experts to work for. The County Cllr. also advised that the Chief Constable welcomed the opportunity to attend events such as Council meetings. Councillors agreed to consider inviting the Chief Constable to a future meeting of the Council.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Martin for her report and invited Cllr. John Waugh to give his report.

b) Finance

Cllr. John Waugh advised Councillors of the present bank balances. The Clerk advised that an overdraft had inadvertently occurred for a few days on the Council's current account. The Bank had agreed to cancel the charges arising from this.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Waugh for his report and invited Cllr. Colin Noble-Nesbitt to give his report.

c) Highways and Website

Cllr. Noble-Nesbitt's report included the following matters.

- 1) It appeared that the County Council had now completed installing replacement lighting throughout the Parish although the brightness of the new lights did not appear to be uniform throughout.
- 2) Off-road bikes were again causing a nuisance in the Picktree Lodge area. Cllr. Caygill advised that, at Northlands roundabout, drivers were not always stopping at pedestrian crossing red lights. Cllr. Martin agreed to report these concerns to the Police.
- 3) Cllr. Caygill also advised that the road markings for the cycle lane beginning just north of the roundabout were being scrubbed out by vehicles. The Clerk will again report this to the County Council.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Noble-Nesbitt for his report and invited Cllrs. Maureen May and Carole Walton to give their report.

d) Horticulture

Cllrs. May and Walton's report included the matters contained in the written report attached (Appendix 4).

The Chairman thanked Cllrs. May and Walton for their report and invited Cllr. David Snaith to give his report.

e) Planning

Cllr. Snaith advised that there were no matters to report. The Chairman advised that she and Cllr. Maureen May had attended a recent Neighbourhood Plans meeting. Cllr. Snaith kindly agreed to invite an officer from the County Council planning team to attend the September Parish Council meeting to give a presentation on Neighbourhood Plans.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Snaith and invited Cllr. Margaret Caygill to give her report.

f) Play Areas

Cllr. Caygill's report included the following matters.

1) At Merlin Drive play area, the County Council was monitoring safety surfacing which appeared to be shrinking.

2) At Low Flatts play area, the equipment appeared to be in order. Further consideration was being given to a replacement sign for the play equipment enclosure.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Caygill for her report.

g) Publicity

Cllr. Forrester advised that all publicity matters had been contained in her Chairman's Report earlier.

Councillors thanked the Chairman.

Item 7. 16/82 Correspondence

1) From Lloyds Bank

Letter advising of overdrawn balance.

2) From Durham County Council

a) Email re County Durham Plan Issues and Options Consultation.

b) Email re Draft Durham City Sustainable Transport Strategy 2016-2033.

3) Various planning applications, approvals and refusals from Durham County Council, of which the following were within North Lodge Parish:-

a) Application for tree works to 1 no. Sycamore tree protected by a TPO (crown thin by 20% and removal of 2 no. branches), at 5 Vigo Lane.

b) Application for display of new signage, at 2 Drum Park.

c) Approval for refurbishment of existing industrial units 3 and 5 including new external metal profiled cladding to front and rear elevations and upgrade of hard standing and parking areas to frontage area, at Unit 3, First Avenue, Drum Industrial Estate.

Item 8. 16/83 Event Planning

Cllr. Jackie Martin gave an informative presentation following attendance at a recent training course re the organising and holding of public events. Councillors agreed to keep in mind the possibility of the Council holding a public event, perhaps for instance to mark the turning on of the Christmas Lights.

Item 9. 16/84 Payment of Accounts

TO	AMOUNT	REASON	VAT
Salaries	£487.60	Salaries July 2016	
Expenses	£80.00	Expenses July 2016	
Durham County Pension Fund	£141.51	Pensions July 2016	
Pot-It-On	£140.00	Environment Cleaning July 2016	
Pot-It-On	£310.00	Hort./Bus Shelters July 2016	
D. Murrell (via Post Office Ltd)	£46.08	Postage Stamps	
E.Forrester (via Aldi Stores Ltd)	£15.49	Thank You Gift	£2.58

(**Resolved** - the payments be approved as submitted).

Item 10. 16/85 Other Matters for Information

There were no matters submitted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm following which a discussion was held with the resident.

North Lodge Parish Council

Accounts for the month as submitted to the Meeting of North Lodge Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th September 2016.

TO	AMOUNT	REASON	VAT
Salaries	£487.60	Salaries August 2016	
Expenses	£ 80.00	Expenses August 2016	
Durham County Pension Fund	£141.51	Pensions August 2016	
Pot-It-On	£322.98	Horticulture August 2016	
Pot-It-On	£140.00	Environment Care August 2016	
Salaries	£	Salaries September 2016	
Expenses	£	Expenses September 2016	
Durham County Pension Fund	£	Pensions September 2016	
Pot-It-On	£	Horticulture September 2016	
Pot-It-On	£	Environment Care September 2016	
HM Revenue & Customs	£	P.A.Y.E.	
E. Forrester	£150.00	Chair's Quarterly Allowance	
D. Murrell (via Costco Ltd)	£ 9.59	Copier Paper	£ 1.60
BDO LLP	£240.00	Audit Fee	£40.00
<u>Balance to 31st July 2016</u>			
Balance b/f	£40378.56	Balances at Bank:-	
Deduct Payments - July16	<u>£ 1220.68</u>		
	£39157.88		
		Current	£ 1736.67
		30 Day	<u>£39421.21</u>
		Total	£41157.88
Add Grant Received	<u>£ 2000.00</u>		
		Deduct cheques not yet presented	<u>£ Nil</u>
Balance c/f	£41157.88		£41157.88

North Lodge Parish Council
July 2016 Report
County Councillor Peter May

Roads and Pavements.

Have reported the poor condition of pavements and roads around Kingsmere, Queensmere, Low Flatts and Lyndhurst Ave to John Reed of DCC.

Hello John

Please see the attached email from North Lodge Parish Council (Councillor M Gaygill) to me.

Apart from the areas she has mentioned may I draw your attention to Queensmere and Kingsmere. All of these areas have had major relaying of utilities by Northumbria Water and British Gas and the pavements especially are a patchwork of tarmac and very unsightly. Please can you arrange for the pavements and roads to be reinstated to their former good condition.

Regards

Peter

-----Original Message-----

From: Margaret Caygill [<mailto:gmcaygill@gmail.com>]

Sent: 19 June 2016 11:23

To: Cllr Peter May

Cc: North Lodge Parish Council

Subject: Road Surface, Low Flatts Road & Lyndhurst Avenue.

Hi Peter,

Residents have raised the following with me and I hope you can forward.

Low Flatts road surface has been left in a most unsatisfactory uneven condition after the recent gasworks were carried out. I understand it was also necessary for Northumbrian Water to do some work.) As requested frequently, the road at the south end of Lyndhurst Ave. (around nos. 20 to 27a) is urgently in need of re.surfacing as it causes a severe trip factor.

Thank you,

Margaret Caygill

Answer

Peter

Low Flatts Road

Our Network Control Officer has inspected the area and confirmed that there is one area on Low Flatts Road that still requires permanent reinstatement by Northern Gas Networks (NGN). NGN are aware of this and we are waiting for confirmation on a date when this permanent reinstatement will be carried out. All other reinstatements carried out by utility companies in the area are within specification.

Lyndhurst Avenue / Queensmere / Kingsmere

It is acknowledged that some of the footways would benefit from resurfacing work and they will be evaluated for inclusion in our 2017/18 footway resurfacing programme. Unfortunately the demand for resurfacing far exceeds the available budget and therefore we have to prioritise based on asset management principles. Therefore, I cannot guarantee that the footways will be selected for resurfacing in 2017/18 but please be assured that they will continue to be considered in future footway resurfacing programmes.

Our local Highway Inspector will continue to inspect the condition of the footways and should any actionable safety defects arise we will carry out reactive repairs as appropriate.

We rely on members of the public to report defects in between scheduled highway safety inspections and these can be reported as follows:

Although it is not within the Parish I am also trying to get the pavements and roads around Rickleton and Camperdown Avenue resurfaced as the paving slabs are in a dangerous condition

Hello John

Camperdown and Rickleton Avenues are two of the last areas in my division to have paving slabs as pavements.

The condition of these pavements in my opinion is now reaching a dangerous level for pedestrians. Movement in the paving slabs has caused unevenness and is also very unsightly with grass and weeds starting to grow from the cracks between the slabs. Some areas are worse than others but generally I believe that they should be removed and the paths relayed with tarmac.

Also the condition of the roads in this area is very poor with several areas badly in need of repair.

This is a nice part of Chester Le Street with well looked after properties but is now starting to look frayed around the edges by the lack of investment by the Council.

Unfortunately, my budgets will not even make a dent in the cost of repair and I am concerned that if left any longer both pavements and roads will deteriorate to such an extent that the pavements especially will become very dangerous.

Please will you look at the area urgently and begin repairs as soon as possible.

Regards

Peter

Reply

Peter

Thank you for your email dated 20th June 2016 in which you detail issues regarding the pavements in Rickleton Avenue and Camperdown Avenue. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying but as previously advised this matter required further investigation.

Actionable Safety Defects

These areas are inspected annually as part of our highway safety inspection regime and any actionable safety defects are repaired as appropriate. The last scheduled safety inspection was undertaken on 27th August 2015.

Following receipt of your email an additional safety inspection was carried out on 30th June 2016 which identified several defects in both areas which will be repaired within the next 2 weeks. We have also asked our Clean & Green Team to weed spray as necessary to remove grass and weeds on these footways.

We rely on members of the public to report defects in between scheduled highway safety inspections and these can be reported as follows:

Telephone: 03000 261000

Email: help@durham.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/1160>

Condition

We agree that these areas are in poor condition and would benefit from resurfacing. However, we have a maintenance backlog of £180 million countywide and we have to prioritise our limited highway maintenance capital budgets based on:

- Safety
- Return on investment
- Network hierarchy

Please be assured that these areas will be considered for treatment as part of future resurfacing programmes. However, the same prioritisation criteria will apply so we cannot give any guarantees that they will be selected.

Best regards

John

Update on Arizona Chemicals issues

Message to Picktree Lodge Residents from County Councillor Peter May. **Arizona Chemicals Demolition**

Having received several messages from residents regarding noise and especially dust from the Arizona site, I asked Durham County Council to investigate.

Sorry for the delay in giving you this information but I have had to wait for the final report.

There have been several emails going back and forth from me to the Council and so I have condensed the information into the following:

I hope that the information that I have included in this message to you is of interest. I tried to chase things along but as mentioned it took quite a while before I received the final report. Despite asking, I was not allowed to attend any on site meetings which was very disappointing. Arizona Chemicals still own this site.

Best wishes

Peter

Peter May

County Councillor

North Lodge

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Received 6/6/16

Dear Councillor May

Thank you for the service request you sent concerning the above, which I received from the corporate director of neighbourhood services Oliver Sherratt.

I have arranged for the matter to be investigated by officers from the public health team. They will report to me and I will keep you informed of developments and of the result of our investigation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Gary Hutchinson
Environment Protection Manager

Received 9/6/16

Dear Councillor May

I refer to our telephone conversation from earlier today.

I have arranged for a site visit to be undertaken tomorrow by staff from the public health team and the environmental permit team. Specifically, they will investigate to determine whether a statutory dust nuisance exists and whether the operating company is adhering to the conditions of their permit, particularly with regard to dust suppression (current evidence suggests they aren't), respectively. They will also make general observations of the site in the context of the environmental health legislation that falls within the environmental health remit, and any other issues that might be of interest to other council departments e.g. planning and other agencies e.g. Environment Agency.

As I am away from the office tomorrow I have asked Neil Laws Public Health & Housing Manager to contact you after the officers have returned from their visit, to provide you with an update. I hope this helps in your dealings with the affected residents.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Received 15/6/16

Dear Councillor May

I thought it would be appropriate to provide you with an update on your enquiry concerning the above matter.

The investigation by the Environment Protection (EP) team revealed there was a dust nuisance on the site and that dust was emanating from the site, affecting at least some of the residents at Picktree Lodge. Our officers visited the site on several occasions during their investigation to advise the operator to control the dust nuisance, and to more widely observe the site operations. We concluded, due to the nature of the site, that the regulatory and enforcement responsibilities fell to the Environment Agency and the Health & Safety Executive rather than the Council. The EP team has no enforcement powers for this site.

Even though we were limited by law in what we could do, we actively sought to report our findings to the appropriate regulatory agencies and encouraged them to further investigate the situation, which has resulted in the agreement to hold a site meeting on Friday 17 June 2016 that will be attended by the agencies and the site owner, with an officer from the Council to represent the residents' concerns and the Council's position. Additionally, we reported a specific matter relating to the dust nuisance to Darlington Borough Council who are responsible for the issue of an Environmental Permit for certain equipment used on the site; they too, will attend the meeting. We have also continued to informally request that the operator controls the dust nuisance in the meanwhile.

We believe that the intervention by our EP team will facilitate improved investigation and control at the site and that this will combat and resolve the dust nuisance in particular and the environmental pollution concerns in general.

I would advise that if the residents have new concerns or complaints that they direct them to the Environment Agency using the telephone number 0800-807060 as they are best placed to investigate and to provide advice.

I hope this helps. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

Gary

Received 5/7/16

Hi Peter

Please find below the email report we received from the Environment Agency (EA) in relation to the above site.

I would like to add context to the report in relation to the regulatory responsibilities of the agencies involved at the site. The EA is the primary regulator and they exert control via an environmental permit, which covers emissions to land, air and water; the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) regulatory interest covers a range of work activities, particularly asbestos control on this site. Durham County Council, via its Environment Protection (EP) team, has only statutory nuisance, in this case dust emissions, within its regulatory remit at this site.

The EP team has undertaken extensive enquiries with the EA and HSE to ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that it was only concrete material that generated the dust nuisance. Additionally, our investigation showed that this only happened because the contractor had failed to provide proper water dousing during the concrete crushing operation. Furthermore, we reported this to Darlington Borough Council, who issues the environmental permit for this particular mobile equipment, for their consideration at the next permit review.

It is in the best interests of all concerned that such sites are managed effectively to maintain safety to the general public, the workforce, and the environment. To facilitate this, the regulatory agencies involved do, and will continue to, work together with the site owner and operator, both proactively and reactively. In this regard, I would thank you for bringing the dust nuisance complaint to our attention as it has enabled the EP team to work with the parties concerned to remedy the dust problem and improve the site conditions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. Regards Gary

The Environmental Agency Report from a meeting held on site 17/06/2016

From: Harrison, Steve A [<mailto:Steve.Harrison@environment-agency.gov.uk>]

Sent: 29 June 2016 10:17

To: John Hayes

Subject: Arizona Chemicals - Site Demolition Update

Hi John,

I'm resending as the site map did not seem to show areas identified when I looked at the sent item from yesterday, may have been my blackberry.

As discussed last week I intended to provide you feedback regarding demolition of the permitted site at Vigo Lane, Chester-Le-Street by end of 28/06/2016.

I am dealing with the permit surrender for Arizona Chemicals who are following the surrender process, at this point in time the permit BT0251IX is still in force however it must be noted that Section 4.1A(1)(a)(ii) or Section 4.1A(1)(a)(viii) permitted activities ceased in December 2015. As you know the demolition contractor is operating with an Part B permit for mobile plant crushing operations issued by Darlington Council Ref: 089/PPC/PC14.

I have been informed today that the demolition company had an equipment breakdown which will incur a delay so we are now expecting works to have ceased by 08/07/2016 and not 30/06/2016 as originally planned.

The Agency has been kept up to date with issues encountered during demolition, as you will be aware the Operator must be able to demonstrate to the Agency that there is no pollution risk and by doing this must remediate any contamination found to a satisfactory state. We have been informed of the following;

- Asbestos found in the Engineering building – removed by a specialist contractor and certified – HSE informed who visited the site
- Asbestos, roofing type material, found in earth under concrete foundations – work stopped until advice gained from Ground Water Contaminated Land team (GWCL). Concrete foundations removed and earth covered with topsoil to prevent any movement of material until removal from site by a specialist company is arranged.

Note: The Operator informed us that the material was in earth underneath the concrete foundations, none was observed within the concrete foundations, there was a defined split between concrete and earth containing asbestos material. HSE are aware of this material being discovered and the Operator is currently seeking quotes to remove it professionally.

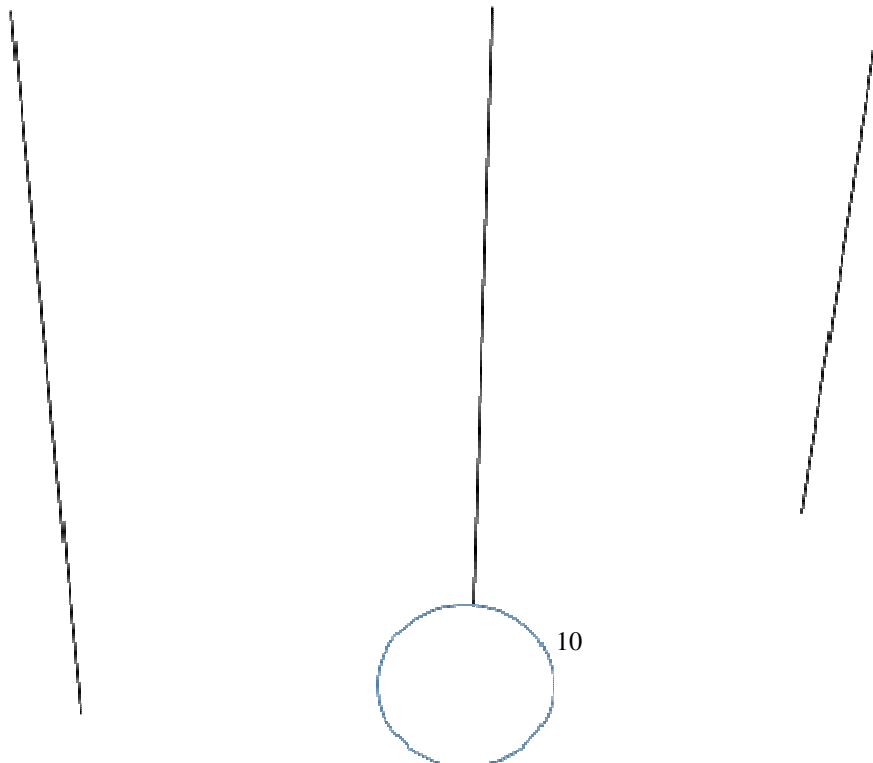
- Solvent and dimer material (product) discovered in ground. The soil was sampled 17/06/2016 and is being analysed by a contract laboratory, results due imminently. GWCL advice was passed on to the Operator as they need to engage a specialist firm to draw up a remediation plan and remove contaminated earth.
- Pool of water in middle of site. The demolition Manager informed us that they had to remove 3 layers of concrete foundations from the location where the water is gathering and holding up. We checked for the presence of aquifers and drains and it seems there are none in this location, the most plausible explanation is that this water is surface water runoff gathering at lowest point on the site. This was also sampled for analytical testing on 17/06/2016.

The Operator is going to forward any analytical results to us as they are available. At this point we believe that the above are being dealt with accordingly and I am planning to revisit the site wc 04/07/2017.

Solvent contaminated soil

Surface Water Collection

Asbestos sheet in soil





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Even though we were limited by law in what we could do, we actively sought to report our findings to the appropriate regulatory agencies and encouraged them to further investigate the situation, which has resulted in the agreement to hold a site meeting on Friday 17 June 2016 that will be attended by the agencies and the site owner, with an officer from the Council to represent the residents' concerns and the Council's position. Additionally, we reported a specific matter relating to the dust nuisance to Darlington Borough Council who are responsible for the issue of an Environmental Permit for certain equipment used on the site; they too, will attend the meeting. We have also continued to informally request that the operator controls the dust nuisance in the meanwhile.

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I hope this helps.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely
Gary
Gary Hutchinson
Environment Protection Manager
Neighbourhood Services
03000-261007

**Gary Hutchinson reports that the site is still the responsibility of Arizona Chemicals
I am awaiting a report of the findings of the last site meeting.
Unfortunately I was not allowed to attend the meeting**

Coveris latest report from Richard Wormold Environmental Services

You will be aware that we received a copy of the Coveris noise impact assessment concerning the various items of plant presently being operated to the rear of the factory.

Whilst reading through the report, we had some concerns regarding the overall content of the report.

On Wednesday 8th June we had a meeting with both Coveris and Apex Acoustics and it was agreed further noise measurements would take place, which will ensure the report addresses the overall noise climate from Coveris fully.

The noise impact assessment established a clear problem concerning noise from the silos/cyclones/associated pipe work. During the meeting this was discussed and it can be confirmed lagging will be fitted to reduce the noise. Acoustic lagging has been sourced and relevant checks are presently being undertaken to ensure the level of required attenuation will be achieved and maintained. I should have further information on time scales this week and will email you once these have been confirmed.

Regards

Mr R. Wormald
Senior Environmental Health Officer
Neighbourhood Services

T: 03000 260993

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I have written the following to Richard Wormold

Hello Richard

Please can you confirm if you have an actual target date set for the full report to be made available? I assume that after the lagging has been fitted and all other relevant issues have been attended to another noise assessment will be made, but done ASAP. Residents have been patient and understanding the issues but there needs to be closure and I would like to know your target date for this.

Regards

Peter

On behalf of the residents of Lyndhurst Avenue I asked for a meeting with DDC officers for an update on the situation and to firm up date when this issue would be finished.

This meeting took place 07/07/2016 at Park View School 17.30.

Attendees were Oliver Sherratt, Richard Wormold, Graydon Martin, John Laidlaw and Andrew Farnie from DCC. Elsie Forrester NLPC, Steven Gregory NLRA. Residents Neil Proctor, Joan Naunton, Eddie Hubble and Chris Brooks plus myself.

Preparations for the ordering and installation of sound deadening equipment for the silo area was underway and should be completed 4/5 weeks. If noise was still problematic then the Council would

intervene again.

Residents questioned why the Council was using a -5DB reduction for noise when other Councils were using -10DB. This is the council's recommendation.

Although we agreed that we had to wait and see if the sound reduction equipment worked before having another monitoring of sound – residents and myself were not satisfied with the Councils thinking. There appears to be very little room for compromise but evidence that -10DB is being recommended to the Council for another site by Apex the same company who are working on the COVERIS noise reports?

We may have little choice but to go to the Ombudsman

Park View School 20MPH safety initiative North Lodge

I am still working with the highways team to try and resolve a cost issue but it looks positive.

New seats at the top of Lombard Drive.

I have asked Martin Briscoe to move them backwards to create more room

Footpath from Caxton Way to Picktree Lodge

I have written once again asking for work to alleviate the flooding to be started

Baffle Bank Picktree Lodge

Have asked for it to be cut - should happen wc 17 July or following week

Pelaw Grange tidy up

Contacted by resident regarding the boundary fence that had partially fallen down now exposing the tyre depot. The original house builder has apparently gone out of business.

Have arranged for the council to remove the fallen part and to reinstate the grassed area that was left due to the fence lying on the ground.

I have asked for a price to replace the fence or to plant a fast growing hedge.

North Lodge Parish Council

Crime and Community Safety Report- Tuesday, 19th July 2016

Current

Arizona Chemicals demolition site, Vigo Lane.

Theft of machinery valued between £10,000/£15,000.

Lambton Worm Public House, North Road

Assault, persons known to each other, investigations on going.

Caxton Way North Lodge Estate

Criminal Damage, persons known to each other, investigations on going.

Picktree Lodge, Vigo Lane, North Road (opposite Pelaw Grange)

Theft of a quantity of summer bedding plants. Investigations on going.

Crime and Community Forum (CCF)

Crime and Community Road show 15th/19th August, Market Place, Chester-le-Street (Activities week).

Neighbourhood Watch, Chairman has resigned. CCF to continue receiving updates on the progress of the organisation.

Telephone Scans, Durham Constabulary to deal. Dates and venues still to be arranged.

Illegal Money Lending. Community Information event held at Pelton Fell Centre in July. Well attended and investigations revealed the identity of two suspects involved with lending money illegally. Credit Union facilities were explained and more accounts were opened.

One Punch Campaign. Extra funding received, group to decide how best to promote the campaign.

Young Firefighters/Mini Police project. Funding received enabling young people to attend and complete the courses offered.

Targeted Grants 2016/2017, £2000 to be allocated from Forum Group for key projects.

Next meeting - Monday, 5th September at 6.00pm, The Hub, Chester-le-Street.

**HORTICULTURE REPORT
NORTH LODGE PARISH COUNCIL
19 July 2016**

Flower Beds Installed by Durham County Council

- All the flower beds, with the exception of one in North Road, have now been planted and are looking very pretty - total 15. Unfortunately shortly after Durham County Council had completed their planting, we suffered with thefts from some beds. See attached information. These thefts have been reported to the Police and we have been given an individual crime number.

Flower Bed at entrance to Longdean Park

- Maintenance ongoing. A request has been made to Durham County Council to crown the tree within this bed as the plants, bedding etc. are being overshadowed by it.

Shrub Bed within Longdean Park

- Attention is needed. Ongoing maintenance

Shrub Bed close to Northlands Roundabout

- Frank has attended this bed. Two cordyline plants which were removed from Lambton Park, North Lodge barrels, have been planted in the bed. Frank will spray and remove ground Elder and will cut back bushes when necessary. Roses seem to be flourishing fairly well. There is no room to put any more plants in bed at present.

Flower Bed around plinth at entrance to Picktree Lodge

- Ok. Plinth looks very attractive.

Planting of flowers below wall opposite plinth at entrance to Picktree Lodge

- Martin Briscoe is attending to this area when possible.

Millennium Flower Bed at entrance to Lombard drive

- No problems. Bed looks pretty. Flag stones still to be re-bedded. Millennium plaque still required.

Jubilee Yew tree at entrance to Lombard Drive

- Looks healthy. During next planting season, some small bedding will be planted around tree.

Heather Bed at Picktree Village

- Will be weeded shortly, after all summer planting within the Parish is complete.

Flower/Shrub Bed close to Ash Meadows in Picktree Village

- Frank in partnership with local resident Mrs Kirkup is maintaining this bed.

Flower/Shrub Beds (Back and two sides) of Northlands Bus Shelter

- Area still not re-instated by Durham County Council. Frank has weeded and cut grass.

North Lodge Lambton Park Entrance

- A dead tree from entrance of Lambton Park, North Lodge has been removed by Durham County Council. Frank will re-seed grass again.

Large Shrub Bed at North Road

- Frank weeds and maintains this bed.

Low Flatts Play Area

- New Hawthorn bushes fine. If Frank were to weed in this small area, he would then need to continue right along hedge and that would take several hours.

Barrels at Lambton Park

- Planted up and look nice, as do all the barrels around the Parish.

Barrels at North Road near to Barley Mow

- These barrels will now be planted in autumn (with winter bedding).

Over shadowing tree at corner of Low Flatts road and North Road

- Durham County Council has been requested to crown this tree if possible, as it slightly overshadows the flower bed close to it.

Lombard Drive

- The large grassed/tree area on right-hand side of entrance needs attention. ?some garden waste fly tipping has taken place there and a great deal of ivy is creeping across the grass. Durham County Council will be contacted and asked for a report on this area.

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Picktree Lodge

- 1 Cordyline plant from each Diamond Bed at entrance (= 2)
- 4 Dianthus plants from top of Plinth at entrance.
- 2 Geraniums plants from bottom of plinth at entrance.

Vigo Lane

- 1 Cordyline from Flower Bed close to BOC/Arizona.

North Road (Barley Mow End)

- 1 Cordyline plant from second Flower Bed going south on left hand side (after lone house).
- 1 Cordyline plant from third Flower Bed going south on left hand side (after lone house).

- Several bedding plants from back of third Flower Bed going south on left hand side (after lone house).

Addendum 1

Parish Environment Caretaker

The first month of the trial is now complete. Frank has initially assessed that the designated area of the Parish can be litter picked within three weeks approx.

Equipment

All the necessary equipment provided has proved to be a great asset: –

- The litter picker is correct length and works well
- The Graffiti wipes are of high quality and removal of graffiti is much easier and quicker.
- Waste bags are of a good strong thickness.

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Addendum 2

Northumbria in Bloom

- Two meetings have taken place. A small event has been organised at Park View School on 13 August for Residents to attend and be introduced to the “In Bloom” team as well as being informed of the “In Bloom” programme. Leaflets will be sent out shortly advertising this event.

Hopefully many Residents will join in the process and help to gain high awards for the Parish. In doing this we will be promoting that North Lodge is a beautiful area to live. County Councillor Peter May is kindly funding £200 for this event from his Neighbourhood Budget.

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