

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Working Group held on Tuesday
04 August 2015 at 11:00 am at The Bungalow Newbiggin by-the-Sea.

PRESENT: Councillors:
M Cholerton W Rogers
Officer: D Earl – Town Clerk

EWG13/15 ENHANCED SERVICES 2015

Members discussed briefly the developments regarding enhanced services and felt that the same level of service had not been demonstrated this year although work in connection with Northumbria in Bloom had been completed.

The work in connection with the additional promenade bins was now complete and in response to the issues raised at the Quay Wall/Old Ship it was confirmed that this had been the area of complaint and greatest need for additional bins. All blue bins were now in place and stickers would be put in place.

Work was still required to redistribute the sand at Atlee Park.

Further problems were apparent at the Church Point car park following heavy rainfall and flooding of the bays along the road as the drainage channel was blocked by sand. The sand mounds along the road had not been removed.

It was reported that there were only four of the new barrier planters in place of the nine purchased for Front Street/ White House Corner area. It was not known why the others had been removed or whether Environmental Services had them at the depot.

AGREED: that the above matters be referred to Neighbourhood Services

EWG14/15 ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

A quotation had been received from the County's contractor for the fabrication and erection of a replica wrought iron arch above the pillars at the Horseshoe Steps which was acceptable to the Members with a central light type feature to be included rather than a lamp. A quotation had not yet been received regarding the proposal to introduce retention sleepers and the officer was now on holiday. The Town Clerk had requested that the weed killing process commence immediately.

It was considered that this scheme needed to be completed to a good standard before proceeding with any other projects and that the budget should not be allocated until the full costs were known.

Members requested that the work to the pillars and sandtex painting in a sandstone colour together with painting the railings should be carried out by the enhancement team.

It was agreed to consider next year a possible scheme to improve the paving at the top of the Horseshoe steps.

AGREED: that

- (i) the work to the pillars and railings be referred to Neighbourhood Services;**
- (ii) The quotation from Smith and Sons be accepted for the wrought iron arch and a light type feature at Ocean View Horseshoe Steps.**

EWG15/15 CHURCH POINT CARAVAN PARK

Councillor Peden had been contacted by a resident about the deterioration of the cliff-top path adjacent to the caravans at Church Point and the lack of adequate signage. It appeared that signs previously erected by Wansbeck Council were in poor repair and the ownership of the land was uncertain but could include both the County Council and the Freeholders.

The gap between the caravan fencing and the cliff edge was less than one foot in places making access unsafe. The County Council would be asked to renew the safety notices on its land paths and open spaces.