NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Working Group held on Tuesday 30 September 2015 at 11:00 am at The Bungalow Newbiggin by-the-Sea.

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

Neighbourhood Services Officers: L Hayward; A Cryer; K Bateson; J Croyle Apology from Councillor M Peden

EWG18/15 ENHANCED SERVICES 2015

Members were introduced to John Croyle who had just taken over as the Team Leader covering the Newbiggin and Ashington area.

The report circulated by the Neighbourhood Area Manager had set out the standard service provided by the County Council and the enhanced works throughout the town as well as the minor projects undertaken during the summer season.

Members discussed the current arrangements and changes including vehicle and operative made to the bin emptying arrangements on the promenade and new monitoring arrangements being made. Reference was again made to the deposit of household and commercial waste which NS would investigate further.

Sand related problems had featured greatly this year and Members wanted to investigate better prevention and management appreciating that significant capital works were unlikely in the medium term.

A revised audit of assets was suggested to establish frequency of works for next year while Neighbourhood Services would put together its suggestions on priority works. Painting railings and the ongoing sand problems at the Church Point Car Park were raised.

Further reference was made to ongoing issues regarding dog fouling which would be referred to Environmental Enforcement Officers along with consideration of the Dog Trust campaign.

AGREED: that the above matters be progressed for consideration.

EWG19/15 ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

It was confirmed that the Town Clerk had placed direct orders with the respective contractors for the project works at the Ocean View Horseshoe Steps and Woodhorn Road Pit Wheel to be completed by the end of October. Neighbourhood Services would complete the planting and landscape works in conjunction with the projects.