

Adrian Walker Councillor Report November 22

6. Continuing Projects and Activities

6.1 Trees, Flowers, Allotments and Waste Management

a) Trees

From Richard Ward

Unfortunately due to budget pressures there will be no funds to replant failed trees this season.

As the failed trees were to replace those felled on Dixons Bank for the road scheme, this is an unsatisfactory response.

Approval sought for Angela to write to Richard Horniman.

Avenue Park

The trees that have been planted on the Avenue field have been funded by the Forestry Commission and have been subject to a grant under the UTCF (Urban tree challenge fund) application process.

I am under the impression that the local ward councillors were made aware, I will check and get back to you. Apologies that the Parish Council was not informed.

Were Ward Councillors made aware?

b) Train Bin

The Community Council are awaiting the grant from Middlesbrough Council

Are we likely to receive this money?

6.3 Traffic and Footpaths

a) Traffic Counters Guisborough Road

The traffic counters that were in place for a period of 2 weeks on roads across the Borough were gathering data to ensure our strategic network model is up to date and to understand any potential changes in travel and traffic patterns following Covid-19.

Over 120 count locations were involved and whilst every attempt is made to minimise clashes with works it is impossible to avoid all.

The parties involved are very experienced and by using historic data within the model together with the large volume of updated data collected across the borough it will be possible to identify and filter out any anomalies.

The number of survey locations potentially affected by the Swans Corner work is low and we wouldn't expect any major problems with the data.

Are we satisfied with this response from Craig Cowley?

b) Medical Centre Footpath

Further to my previous email this morning - the Council has been able to source some planters that can be placed at each end of the footway / cycleway that people are incorrectly driving down.

My colleague Michael is liaising with the developer to arrange for this and they'll let Lisa / The Surgery know when they have a date. It will be in the very near future, but could I ask that any channels to promote that it is not a road to be used continue until we have a date on which they'll be in situ?

Some larger signage will also be provided as well, so that will hopefully cover both angles in this respect.

The planters are now in situ.

Can Angela follow up when the signage will be installed, please?

c) Medical Centre Access Road

The sightlines achievable are in accordance with national guidance as set out in Manual for Streets. These sightlines are nationally recognised and based upon extensive evidence undertaken by the Transport Research Laboratory.

This guidance advises that in a 30mph area sightlines of 2.4m x 45m should be provided. It should be noted however that a shortfall in this guidance does not necessarily mean that an access is unacceptable or dangerous.

Other factors need to be taken into account such as carriageway width, traffic flows and whether any shortfall in visibility is on the traffic approach or departure side.

Extensive visibility is not always beneficial as greater levels of visibility tend to lead to higher vehicle speeds.

You will note the supplementary lining and signage which advises motorists of hazards ahead providing them with the time and opportunity to change the manner in which they are driving accordingly.

I've attached the relevant approved drawing which helps demonstrate the sightlines. I understand the interest from residents, but the development has been constructed, following the necessary design guides and policies. The planter installation is imminent as well, so I hope this allays any further concerns regarding pedestrian safety around the development.

Richard Ward has been asked to cut back the hedge at the entrance, please can Angela follow this up.

d) Stokesley Road

The traffic count on Stokesley Road will be undertaken over a seven-day period commencing on Thursday 24th November, and will be carried out by transport data collection specialists Tracsis on behalf of the Council.

The survey will require the installation of a pair of vehicle count tubes on the carriageway between The Woodlands and Grey Towers Drive. If you get any enquiries about 'wires' or 'loops' on the carriageway at that location, you'll know what they are!

Please can Angela follow up the outcome in December

6.4 Crime and Anti Social Behaviour

From Debbie Shaugnessy

I'm not aware of any incidents and had nothing reported directly to me. I am aware of incidents around 'mischief night' with eggs being thrown at vehicles on Stainton Way.

No news on the CCTV camera upgrade

7.1 Chairs Report

a) War Memorial

The Parish council has been contacted by a resident to say:

I seem to remember that the Memorial is the responsibility of the Parish Council, but I could be wrong.

We were at the remembrance service at the Memorial this morning and someone (disabled) wanted to access the site from the gate at the back, but it was locked. I thought that there was an agreement that the gate would be left unlocked for access?

Also the seat is broken and can't be used.

If all this isn't your responsibility, could you please point me in the right direction

Who is responsible for the war Memorial and the seat?

b) Christmas Collection

Nunthorpe Community Council is combining with Erimus Rotary in supporting Middlesbrough's children most in need this Christmas, donating to three local charities - the "Kid's Out" Toy Box Appeal, the Salvation Army Toy Appeal, and the Cause Foundation Christmas Hamper Appeal.

As a first step, we have undertaken to join a team collecting at the Parkway Centre on the morning of Friday 9th December.

All Parish Councillors are welcome to get involved

c) St Marys Memorial Service

Parish Councillors have agreed to take part in the Memorial Service on Sunday 13th November and lay a wreath at the War Memorial