

Cotherstone Parish Council – Action Log updated 6 May 2020

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September 2018	New noticeboard at east of village	Exploration of installing new noticeboard next to telephone kiosk	<p>9/9/19 James Bennett, Clean & Green Manager advised that land is owned by Northstar Housing.</p> <p>11/9/19 Agreed at PC meeting that Clerk write to Northstar Housing seeking permission to install noticeboard on site of telephone kiosk once it is removed.</p> <p>23/9/19 Clerk emailed North Star Housing seeking permission.</p> <p>7/10/19 Clerk chased Sarah Meeson at Northstar Housing for a response. Was told query passed to Chris Pearson, Property Services Manager.</p> <p>25/10/19 Clerk chased SM again, asking for Chris Pearson contact details.</p> <p>31/10/19 Clerk rang SM as above, left message on mobile.</p> <p>1/11/19 Clerk emailed SM again, asking for Chris Pearson contact details.</p> <p>13/11 Chased Chris Pearson again</p> <p>13/3/20 Clerk emailed Chris Pearson, with revised request, now that the BT kiosk and paving have been removed. Email bounced as Chris Pearson has left the business. Forwarded on to Peter Akers.</p>			
November 2018	Tree inspections	Query raised over liability for tree safety and inspection regime	<p>Permission received for work on trees at Hagg House entrance.</p> <p>13/4/20 Clerk submitted duplicate copies of three applications which DCC reported had 'gone missing': Cemetery gates cherry trees; Teesdale Way/Hagg Scar; and Klondike allotments.</p> <p>5/4/20 Final permission for all applications received.</p>			
March 2019	Cemetery	Anomalies between Exclusive Rights of Burial Grants and Cemetery Plan	Clerk to attempt to resolve			
June 2019	Dog waste bins	New dog bin requests	<p>16/6 Clerk submitted request for bins at three points where Tees Railway Walk crosses roads – B6277 near Birkett Close, the Moor Road and Briscoe Lane. Case 124972791.</p> <p>16/6 Clerk emailed resident advising of above action and drawing attention to the PC's efforts with 'pick up your dog's poo' posters</p> <p>8/8 Clerk chases James Bennett, Manager of Clean & Green team by email.</p> <p>9/9/19 James Bennett advised that new bin will be installed 'this week'.</p> <p>December 2019: Clerk chased with DCC</p>			

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			<p>11/1/20 Clerk emailed Ross Carrick asking for assistance with installation of bins at four crossing points in the village.</p> <p>13/3/20 Clerk emailed Ross Carrick asking for any update, aware that bin on Moor Road crossing has been installed.</p> <p>25/3/20 RC emailed: Clean & Green manager happy to order 2 bins but will meet, when possible, on site with RC to confirm locations.</p>			
June 2019	B6277 Road surface	Condition is very poor and deteriorating	<p>16/6 Clerk submitted resurfacing request Case 124974482.</p> <p>17/6 Clerk received call from Charlotte Wilkinson, DCC Highways – resurfacing right through the village has been identified as needed and designers are working on the scheme now. Hopefully will be carried out within this financial year.</p> <p>13/1/20 CW advises that the work is still on schedule to be done, but will be in school 6-week summer holiday to minimise disruption. White lining will continue to be monitored (she checks the carriageway each month).</p>			
July 2019	Hagg Scar footpath	Request to permanently close because of dangerous condition	<p>11/7 Clerk emailed Mike Murden (DCC) requesting immediate and permanent closure of the footpath due to the very dangerous, inaccessible condition. Also removal of fingerpost.</p> <p>11/9/19 Clerk spoke with Mike Murden who promised to look into this.</p> <p>13/10/19 Clerk chased MM for update.</p> <p>15/11/19 Clerk chased MM for update (with email thanking him for Teesdale Way fence work)</p> <p>10/1/20 Clerk rang MM. Can't/don't want to close officially as Ramblers would probably object. Will check with Mike Ogden, but probably look to further discourage use by removing fingerpost.</p> <p>13/3/20 Clerk sent email to MM repeating request for sign to be removed.</p> <p>17/3/20 MM response – no budget left this year, so any works to signposts is awaiting the new financial year.</p>			
October 2019	Balder Bridge Trees	Obstructed visibility for traffic approach the bridge	<p>10/12/19 D Harland response: no accident history; poor visibility does slow traffic; however Traffic Assets team have no objection to private owner removing or felling the saplings if they so wish (but have no grounds for compelling them to do so).</p> <p>CLlr Hunter to speak with Pound House owner.</p>			

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November 2019	Paving slabs	At least 3 slabs cracked outside Headlam Cottage	26/11/19 Clerk reported online ref. 158843035. 27/11/19 Email received advising that work added to ongoing work programme and will be processed in line with the repairs policy.			
November 2019	Safety equipment	PC requests copy of Risk Assessment carried out by DCC which resulted in recommendation that no safety equipment is currently needed	13/12/19 Clerk chased Kevin Lough for copy of Risk Assessment. 13/3/20 Clerk emailed KL, copying CCllr Bell, repeating the request.			
December 2019	Footpath condition	Standing water in dip on FP97 between Hallgarth Hill and the village	24/12/19 Clerk reported to DCC case ref 163902674. 10/1/20 Clerk spoke with Mike Murden. MM has looked at it this week. In summer (and 2020/21 budget), DCC will look at putting cross-drain in the bottom rather than putting in any structure which would only rot. 13/3/20 Clerk updated MM on recent DCC/Fire Brigade pumping.			
January 2020	Bench seats	Replacement leg braces needed for six 8ft Wicksteed seats	11/1/20 Clerk emailed Wicksteeds for quotation. "I would be grateful if you can help by providing a quotation for the supply of replacement leg braces (and bolts) for six bench seats the Parish Council has responsibility for. The six seats are all 8ft in length, wooden park bench style seats, with cast iron legs and arms. They bear the plaque 'Charles Wicksteed & Co, Kettering'. The exact age is not known. The leg brace stretches the full length of the seat, attached at either end and in the centre. Photographs can be provided if this would help. I look forward to hearing from you." Quotation received and agreed to place order 12/2/20. 12/2/20 Agreed Cllr Sabey to investigate voluntary work by Bishop Auckland College students.			
February 2020	Tees Bridge	Tree trunk still lodged against piers	Clerk to chase 13/3/20 Clerk sent email to MM stating that tree remains stuck despite several severe storms.			

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			17/3/20 MM response – will chase Bridges Section. 18/3/20 Mick Donaldson (Structures Engineer) – will arrange to have the tree removed and the pier checked for damage.			
March 2020	Pavement surfaces	Outside Headlam Cottage (again) Between Chapel House and Cleveland House	13/3/20 Clerk reported online, case ref. 183334424. Email received 16/3 – work added to ongoing programme. 13/3/20 Clerk reported online, case ref. 18336547. Email received 23/3 “whilst defect is not considered to be hazardous, dangerous or essential maintenance at the current time, it is acknowledged that maintenance is required and an order has been placed to undertake work as part of a programmed maintenance scheme”. Expected timeframe is ‘within the next financial year’.			
March 2020	Surface water	Blocked/overflowing gully (ies) at Lathbury Bank	13/3/20 Clerk reported online, case ref. 183344534			
March 2020	Standing water	Tees Railway path to east of B6277 at south end of Cotherstone	13/3/20 Clerk emailed Ross Carrick asking for him to investigate and address this 25/3/20 RC emailed: wants exact location (right at the end of the path where people go up the steps and into the field? Or right at the end of the line? Possibly blocked culverts which are not DCC responsibility, but will arrange to visit site when possible.			
April 2020	Allotments	Potential taker for uncultivated ‘spare’ plot for hen keeping	13/4/20 Clerk contacted potential tenant, as per Council’s instruction from meeting on 8 April. 14/4/20 Potential tenant confirmed that they will not take up the offer, due to the plot needing too much work/flooding potential, but wishes to remain on waiting list for cultivatable plot. 30/4/20 Potential tenant revised their decision and wishes to use ‘Plot 0’ for hen keeping. Clerk prepared agreement at £8pa and letter confirmed that tenant has responsibility for secure fencing and is aware that the plot is subject to flooding and accepts this risk.			
April 2020	Litter bins	Request for two new ‘heritage style’ litter bins to replace damaged bins on East Green	15/4/20 Clerk emailed request to Jackie Donnelly at DCC. 6/5/20 Email received confirming that this will be raised with the Clean & Green team with a view to replacing these bins.			