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Dear Councillor,

In accordance with both the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of local authority and Police and Crime Panel meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, I hereby give you notice that a meeting of the **Environment Committee** will be held in **via Zoom** on **Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 2.30pm** to transact the following business:

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 29th OCTOBER 2020

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PRIORITIES:

5a. To update and note:

- i) Installation of Mosaic art work;
- ii) Noise abatement posters;
- iii) Neighbourhood Warden report – report attached
- iv) Update on Woodland Trust trees;
- v) Young People's Challenge.

5b. To complete:

- i). Proposal to fund a water dispenser in Durham City

5c. To decide:

- i) Durham in Bloom: Update on Clean and Green proposals;
- ii) Further actions to reduce anti-social behaviour;
- iii) Heritage project;
- iv) Best Christmas Frontage Awards scheme 2020

6. CONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-22 – report attached

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

12th January - 5.30pm

16th February - 2.30pm

And pursuant to the provisions of the above-named act, I Hereby Summon You to attend the said meeting.

Adam Shanley
Clerk City of Durham Parish Council

CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee held on 29th October 2020 at 17:30pm via Zoom

Present: Councillors V Ashfield (in the Chair), E Ashby, L Brown, S Cahill, J Elmer and M Ross.

Also present: Parish Clerk A Shanley.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr D Freeman.

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

None received.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 29th SEPTEMBER 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th September were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received.

5. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PRIORITIES:

5a. To update and note:

i. Bulb planting project

The Chair advised that over 7,000 bulbs had now been planted as part of this project by the Parish Council. Thanks to local Residents' Associations, these had now been planted across the parish area. The Chair also reported that local schools and volunteer students had assisted with the scheme down at the Sands. The Chair advised that the Parish Council can now look forward to these bulbs growing for Spring.

ii. Installation of Mosaic art at Riverwalk

The Clerk advised that he and Cllr E Ashby had met with the Manager of Riverwalk to discuss locations for the proposed mosaic art installation. At this meeting, two possible locations had been identified. The Clerk presented these options to the Committee. The Committee agreed to await feedback from the landlord of the Riverwalk Centre on his own preference for the location of the mosaic of the two options presented. The Clerk advised that he was awaiting feedback from the County Council's Planning department as to whether either option would require planning permission to install or whether this could come under permitted development.

iii. Noise abatement posters

The Clerk advised that he had now received acceptance of all stakeholders for the use of their logo as part of the final design for the noise abatement posters. The Clerk advised that he was awaiting feedback from the World Heritage Site Co-ordinator on the use of the Cathedral as an image in this poster to represent that the messaging related to Durham City. The Committee thanked Cllr E Ashby and the Clerk for their work on this and agreed to withhold putting this out until Covid-19 restrictions were lifted, with the aim that this did not detract from the public health messaging happening at present in relation to Covid-19. The Committee also asked the Clerk to investigate whether these posters could be displayed in A Boards at the Riverwalk Centre.

iv. Durham in Bloom: North Road; Wear Rivers Trust, etc

The Clerk reminded Members that £3,000 of the funding from Durham in Bloom had now been agreed by Full Council; this included the bulb planting project (approx. £1,000), a project to design out ASB at North Road roundabout with planters (£500) and a project to support the removal of invasive species from the River Wear (£1,500). The remaining funding was provisionally agreed to go towards a proposal from DCC's Clean and Green team on planting up the Parish. The Clerk advised that he was still awaiting definitive costs on specific proposals for this.

v. Report on St. Nicholas Churchyard

The Chair reminded Members that the issue of St Nicholas's churchyard on Providence Row has been discussed at previous meetings of the Environment Committee. This area has been the subject of a significant amount of anti-social behaviour and fly tipping and is currently in a poor, overgrown state.

The Chair advised that, at present, the former chapel on the site is undergoing renovation and it is expected that this work will be completed in the coming months.

The Chair reminded Members that two separate site meetings have taken place with representatives of the churches and the Parish Council and ongoing correspondence with the Church of England and the Orthodox churches and the architect. The first meeting also included representatives from Durham County Council and the second meeting included representatives from Kier and Durham Police.

The Chair reminded Members that, at the last meeting of the Parish Council's Environment Committee, it was reported that the churchyard is currently up for sale. The Chair confirmed this is not the case. There is a draft Pastoral Scheme which, when made, will transfer the ownership of the Chapel and an area of land approximately 2 metres in width around the Chapel to the Durham Diocesan Board of Finance, which in turn will then transfer the ownership to the Orthodox Church of St. Cuthbert and St. Bede, Durham.

The Chair advised that St Nicholas PCC now has the responsibility for the maintenance of the Churchyard. Previously the maintenance was carried out by Durham County Council, but as the churchyard is not yet a closed one, the

Council is not responsible for the maintenance. Previously, the County Council believed that it was their responsibility to maintain the site on the understanding that this was a closed churchyard. The PCC will be applying to the Ministry of Justice for an order closing the churchyard, but this will not be until after the Pastoral Scheme has been made and has come into operation.

The Chair advised that the church is required by its insurance company to have a tree surgeon inspect the trees and to carry out any necessary work to make the trees safe. St Nicholas PCC is also required to carry out a topple test on all the gravestones in the churchyard. The overgrown vegetation needs cutting back, but before that can be done, the church needs to make sure that the trees and the headstones are safe.

In order to facilitate this work, the church submitted a bid to Kier for its community project. However, this bid was unfortunately unsuccessful.

The Chair advised that the Parish Council has been asked if it may be able to support this work in some way: the Environment Committee has offered some support in the past at a modest level, and has suggested liaising with the residents' group to offer support in kind, but the extent of the work required, without the help of DCC, is huge.

It was **agreed** that the Parish Clerk should write to DCC to request that the brushwood left over by the probation service be cleared as soon as possible as this is attracting further fly tipping.

Cllr L Brown proposed that, if this was unsuccessful, the Parish Council may wish to hire a skip and recruit volunteers to help clear the site. There were concerns about health and safety with this proposal however as the site is known to have sharps discarded within it.

It was also **agreed** that the Parish Clerk should investigate a Section 106 application in conjunction with the church to support a longer-term project for the churchyard.

It was also agreed that Kier should be contacted regarding the promised heras fencing

vi. Neighbourhood Warden report

The Clerk provided the following update from a meeting with Belinda Snow and Stephen McCallan on 27th October 2020 as follows:

- Stephen took up post on 1st October 2020 and has been working in Durham City Full-time, with 10 hours funded by the Parish Council. Stephen is one of 6 Neighbourhood Wardens covering the City of Durham parish area.
- Adam reported recent issues going on in the Crossgate area – including low level ASB and waste issues. Stephen advised that he would look into these issues.
- Stephen advised that there had been a number of waste-related issues with a number of the businesses on North Road and, in one instance, a Section 47 (community protection) notice had to be issued to a business who had left rubbish in a public highway.

- Adam highlighted the recent videos which have appeared online showing large gatherings of young people outside shops and licensed premises in Durham City over the weekend. Belinda advised that the County Council is currently in the process of recruiting 18 new evening Wardens (county-wide, potentially working up until midnight – TBC) in order to address this and other issues in the City. Adam highlighted that the University has contracted the services of a private security company (Mitie) in order to deal with the sorts of issues seen over the weekend.
- Esther advised that, in some cases, the young people shown on the footage may be from Durham Sixth Form Centre rather than Durham University.
- Adam asked about shops such as Tesco being licensed up until 11pm to sell alcohol (i.e. after the 10pm Government curfew for bars and restaurants) and asked if this is having an impact. Belinda advised that she understood that Tescos for instance would not be selling alcohol after 10pm.
- Adam asked about the possibility of having CCTV installed at St. Margaret's Churchyard but Belinda said this was not possible and would require a RIPA license.
- Andrew Jackson and Belinda Snow will be linking in to improve the area where the benches were located to improve this with the Parish Council's agreed £500. Stephen asked if it is worth getting a volunteer group together in order to assist with this. Stephen also proposed that the concrete planters be moved slightly.
- Esther raised the issue of dog fouling and garden waste at Sheraton Park. Stephen advised that Geoff Parker (Neighbourhood Warden) covered this particular area and it was agreed that Geoff should distribute some introductory leaflets around the doors at Sheraton Park to make residents aware that he is active in the local area and advise them how to report issues.
- A further meeting with Belinda and Stephen is expected to take place on 10th November 2020.

5b. To complete:

i) Young People's Challenge

The Clerk reminded Members that the £5,000 worth of funding towards eradicating single-use plastics as part of a Young People's Challenge had now been agreed by Full Council. The Chair advised that she would be writing out to all local schools in the Parish to let them know about the challenge and to progress this project.

ii) Proposal to fund a water dispenser in Durham City

The Clerk advised that, since the last meeting where this proposal was discussed, he had received some very encouraging correspondence from the Chief Executive of Northumbrian Water and also from the Managers of Prince Bishop's Shopping Centre and the Indoor Markets Company.

It was **agreed** that a Zoom meeting should be organised between Northumbrian Water and the Parish Council in order to progress this proposal.

5c. To decide:

i. Further actions to reduce anti-social behaviour

The Chair reported that she was still aware of anti-social behaviour issues taking place in the City Centre, specifically related to drug and alcohol misuse and it was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to Ian Hoult at DCC to ask what further actions could be taken to address this and whether the Parish Council may be able to finance additional resources to tackle this issue.

ii. Heritage project

The Clerk reminded Members that the Parish Council had now agreed a proposal to submit a Section 106 application for the restoration of the Ruth First plaque on Providence Row. The Clerk advised that he would be submitting this application in the coming days.

The Clerk also reminded Members that the Parish Council had also agreed to gather information on other plaques in the parish area and also to launch a Blue Plaque nomination scheme for noteworthy former residents of the Parish. The Clerk advised that he would be speaking to neighbouring Parish Councils to ask how they went about organising this scheme.

The Committee also considered a proposal by local resident David Miller regarding a number of trails in and around Durham. The Chair reminded Members that the Committee had previously agreed to support the 7 Hills of Durham trail with a proposal that this be part of the Heritage app and, eventually, printed for distribution.

The Clerk reported that he had received agreement from DCC's Highways Officers to carry out a risk assessment of the route before this could be given formal Parish Council approval.

It was **agreed** that the 7 Hills of Durham trail only would be progressed as a Parish Council project for the time being.

iii. Trees

The Clerk reminded Members that the Woodland Trust trees were due to arrive in November. Unfortunately, for various reasons, the Hospice is now unable to accept half of the trees from the total application to the Woodland Trust and therefore approximately 158 trees now needed to be allocated to a different location. The Clerk reminded Members that the Friends of Flass Vale had offered to take all of the 315 trees for Flass Vale. It was **agreed** that all of the trees this year would be offered to the Friends of Flass Vale.

6. AOB

None received.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was agreed for the 24th November 2020.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and participation and closed the meeting.

Signed,

Chair of the City of Durham Parish Council Environment Committee

Durham City Parish Report

Rough Sleeper Action Group

The RSAG are currently monitoring high profile individuals (who have come to their attention in Durham city or otherwise) on the meetings matrix. All individuals are discussed with case workers and the matrix updated. The Winter Strategy re Night shelters provision etc will run differently this year due to the Covid19 Pandemic and the proximity of beds in one room. Facilities that have been used in the past especially around females will not be compatible due to the multi-use of the venue. It has been suggested that the "Everyone In" Government Initiative will again be adopted allowing vulnerable people the use of Hotels etc again, but funding will need to be identified. This will be taken forward by Housing Solutions once government guidance has been received.

DCC wardens continue to provide a high-profile presence in the City and signpost individuals to support if they are willing to accept it. At the October meeting the group discussed several high complex individuals who have been prioritised by the group due to their reluctance to engage and with the weather getting colder, its feared that their situations may become more urgent.

How the Night Shelter would open

The government have released guidance for Night Shelters, (I've put a link further down if you're interested.)

There are a few adjustments that Durham Winter Night Shelter will have to make in order to open, and partners are working on being able to do that (more details below), however one of the requirements is that local authorities give the project permission to be able to open.

This has been made particularly urgent as partners have a bid application with Kier (the building company for the council housing) who would like to support it, but they need confirmation that it can be open before they can accept that. They would like to announce as soon as possible, and before the new guidance they would have moved ahead.

Government advice: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-provision-of-night-shelters>

On top of this, the DCC funding bid will provide the project with the ability to erect temporary sleeping pods within the halls that we're using, minimising airborne transmission. These pods will act as small rooms, meaning residents can keep guest separate at all times, unlike the usual dormitory style night shelters. Here's a photo which is similar to what the project is aiming for, apart from they would have a fabric roof, and they would be separated (or the entrances would face in opposite directions).



Following is some more specific details. The project can have a fuller risk assessment to you in due course.

- The shelter would run in a fixed venue in Durham City Centre, instead of rotating each week as we did previously. We have two options available to us (both church buildings) and we are in the final stages of choosing between them.

As we would be the sole user of the space, we could ensure cleanliness and minimise contamination.

- DCC would be able to provide masks, hand sanitiser and full cleaning in-between each night that they are open.
- DCC would allocate a toilet cubical to each guest and ensure that no cross-contamination happens by supervising guests to the cubicles.
- As with previous years the shelter would only open if the temperature drops to freezing or below. This amounted to roughly 20 nights last year but is entirely weather dependent. This would be adjustable if you would like it to be so.
- They would open based on referrals from Local Authorities. If Parish Council partners (or another organisation) makes us aware that there are individuals who will be on the streets, who would access our Night Shelter, and it is cold, we would then open to those who have been referred. Therefore, it is not in our current plans to open 'to the public' or to advertise when we are open, such that we are not attracting people into the city centre. We would have volunteers 'on hold' for any given night, awaiting the option that we could be open.
- Their aim would be to provide emergency accommodation for any individuals you feel need it, up to a maximum of 6 guests.
- If for any reason partners ask that we do not house an individual, we will not do so.
- In short, we would be there for any last-minute emergency cases.
- If you agree to us being able to open, but then we realise that there is not a need (there are very few rough sleepers), you can ask us to cease opening and we will at any point.
- We recognise the amazing work that the council has been doing to house individuals, and we want to join with these efforts. Therefore, we would work alongside yourselves to direct individuals to more permanent housing solutions wherever possible.

Rear of British Heart Foundation on North Road

This area was previously frequented by rough sleepers and others on an almost daily basis. However, the British Heart Foundation have now made improvements to the area by fitting steel shutters over a previously open garage area with the intention of making a secure storage area for themselves. This has also massively reduced the number of individuals attending the area who no longer have access to shelter.



Christchurch building on Claypath

This building remains clear and secure with no evidence of rough sleeping or drug and alcohol use. This building has been a historical problem area as it is directly across the road from the old needle exchange.

Hopper House – Top of North Road – Old Social Services building



Although this building is now derelict there are fewer problems here with individuals gathering which has been assisted by the removal of the public benches at the top of North road.

Elvet Bridge Parking problems

Police Colleagues are experiencing issues with vehicles driving on, and parking on, Elvet Bridge. From speaking with the new Neighbourhood Inspector (Dave Turner - david.turner@durham.pnn.police.uk) and members of the team this has always been an issue, however the closure of the main bridge appears to have compounded the problem.



The Neighbourhood Police Team will continue to speak to drivers when seen and inform them they should not be using the route which is happening more often, some vehicles are also being left unattended. It is anticipated that this problem will continue in the run up to Christmas if not addressed.

DCC Wardens have contacted the Parking & Transport Infrastructure Team to ask if any assistance could be provided.

DCC Traffic & Parking Officers will continue working until 8pm on an evening with ongoing targeted enforcement to be carried out on the bridge as late as possible, this has helped alleviate the issue in the past.

In addition, DCC are monitoring a camera that has been up and running for some time now at the top of Old Elvet Bridge, which monitors vehicles wrongfully accessing the pedestrian zone outside of the prescribed hours. Obviously, as this is a moving traffic restriction, these contraventions will be sent to Durham Parking to take forward with the motorist and possibly issue an FPN.

DCC Wardens attend the area daily to educate any motorists they found parking incorrectly

St Margaret's Church – Durham City



Reports received by the Durham City Parish Council from local residents that people are accessing the more secluded areas of the church and using drugs. DCC Wardens continue to patrol the site on an almost daily basis and since a large group of youths were interrupted one evening and moved on, the area has been relatively quiet with little issues. Church staff have been spoken to and made aware of patrols when wardens are able to just to provide visible reassurance that patrols are continuing

Bonfire Strategy 2020

The Bonfire strategy overall was successful where there were a few minor issues with badly behaved youths in and around Durham who threw missiles at wardens and fire crews. Worryingly enough this was a countywide trend and is being addressed by Police.

Some interesting stats you may find useful: -

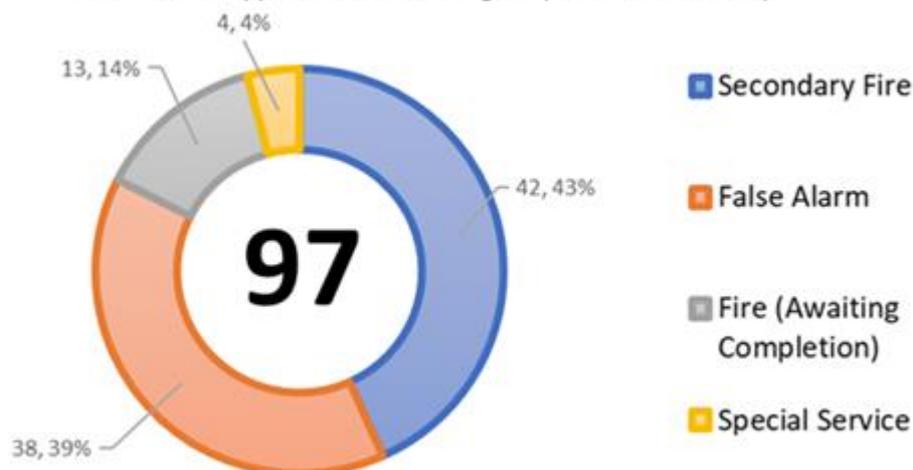
The call volumes were very high, being the highest call volumes since 2010. It follows that actual incident numbers were high too, the highest since 2013. Perhaps surprising as we are in a period of lockdown.

Call Attended?	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
No - not attended	67	120	42	67	53	43	52	64	56	83	51	95
Yes - IRS Incident	138	81	106	106	98	81	68	78	94	92	66	97
Over the border incidents	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	205	201	148	173	151	124	120	142	150	175	117	192

Types of Calls Attended	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Secondary Fire	72	36	48	54	64	46	32	39	50	47	29	42
False Alarm	58	35	47	41	28	31	28	31	33	37	31	38
Fire (Awaiting Completion)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Special Service	2	3	3	4	1	1	6	4	4	3	3	4
Primary Fire	5	7	7	7	4	3	2	4	5	4	3	0
Chimney Fire	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0

Station Ground	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Peterlee	11	7	9	12	21	12	3	9	7	13	5	20
High Handenhold	15	11	7	11	5	8	8	3	8	6	2	11
Darlington	5	5	5	4	5	5	3	1	8	4	5	5
Seaham	6	6	5	7	7	6	6	6	6	7	4	4
Newton Aycliffe	2	1	3	1	2	2	2	1	5	5	4	4
Sedgefield	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
Consett	9	4	5	4	3	4	6	8	2	7	1	3
Durham	6	0	7	7	2	2	1	4	2	2	3	2
Wheatley Hill	5	4	1	2	7	0	0	6	4	0	3	2
Bishop Auckland	3	5	6	7	5	4	1	2	8	3	3	1
Crook	11	0	0	6	3	4	2	0	4	0	1	0
Spennymoor	2	0	4	0	7	1	1	2	0	4	1	0
Stanhope	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Barnard Castle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middleton-in-Tees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	77	43	55	61	68	49	34	43	55	51	32	55

Incident Types Bonfire Night (5th Nov 2020)



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The messages will come through as an email, so once you are signed up you don't need to keep checking back for updates, you will receive them automatically.

The system allows you to choose who you wish to receive messages from and what subjects interest you, this means that the only messages you will get are the ones that are relevant to you. You can log into the system at any time and change your preferences so that you manage what you receive as your needs or interests change.

During the registration process you will have the opportunity to review and select additional licenced information providers who will, if authorised by you, be able to see your data and send you messages too.

Current licensed information providers who are also able to send messages out on the alert system are Action Fraud, Get Safe Online and Neighbourhood Watch. You simply choose on sign up if you want to opt in (or out) of receiving additional messages from these providers. If another licensed information provider comes on board, you will receive a message to notify you and you can choose if you would like to receive messages from them too.

You can add or remove an information provider at any time.

Your personal details will be securely held under the provisions of the Data Protection Act (GDPR).

As a registered recipient you may also hear good news stories in your community, or we may appeal for information to help us identify suspected or wanted criminals or suspect vehicles. If we are appealing for information, we may provide an officer's name and contact details so you can contact the officer directly, or if you choose to reply to the Keep In The Know message, we will ensure that the message is passed on to that officer.

Please note that Keep in The Know is not monitored 24/7 and is not for reporting crimes or incidents

You can report a crime by calling the non-emergency number 101 or in the case of an emergency dial 999

P.S.P.O (Public Space Protection Orders)

THE Durham City P.S.P.O is in place within the City with powers to remove alcohol being drank on the streets. This is invoked by wardens at every opportunity with no exceptions.

Bin issues reported at Crossgate, Durham

A frequent number of complaints are being reported by a member of the public is constantly reporting bin issues at Crossgate, Durham. Namely



bins presented early on the carriageway, untidy bins and bins not being removed after collection. I have visited the area several times and spoken to residents (mainly students) who have just moved back to Durham to give them verbal advice about correct bin management / storage which was well received. I have also ordered green boxes for those residents that did not have them. Wardens will continue to monitor this area



Cars Blocking the pavement on Hawthorn Terrace, Durham

I took the following report verbally from a member of the public in Durham city who lives at St Bedes Close, Neville's Cross.

She was complaining about cars parking on pavements in and around Hawthorn Terrace, Durham and blocking pedestrians from using them correctly. This has been passed to NCP Officers to patrol and enforce as they see fit.



coronavirus advice

National restrictions

- You must stay at home
- Only leave home for food, medical reasons, exercise, education or work
- You must work from home if you can
- Avoid travel unless essential
- Remember: wash hands, make space, cover face

For more information visit www.durham.gov.uk/coronavirus

ASB Reported at Allergate

Parish Council have requested DCC wardens conduct patrols around Allergate, Durham due to complaints of noise and ASB while new students are settling in. Warden colleagues have undertaken some of these patrols and have not made me aware of any issues.

Reports of Bins not being emptied at Wanless Terrace, Durham

Residents have reported that their bins have not been emptied in Wanless Terrace. However, this is due to 2 factors; namely cars are parking inappropriately in the street and blocking bin crews from gaining access to bins. Plus, nearby building works is preventing bin lorry access. DCC refuse have been contacted and bins have now been emptied

ASB St Nicholas Church

Parish Council have requested DCC wardens conduct patrols around St Nicholas Church due to complaints of ASB. My colleagues have undertaken some of these patrols and have not made me aware of any issues.

Trade Waste Bin Issues at Claypath



I have tried to visit this restaurant several times during the day and the bins were out on the highway, but the restaurant was closed during the day, so I was unable to educate them about correct bin storage. Bin collection day was also Wednesday. I am sure ongoing enforcement was taken against this restaurant anyway by a former colleague.

I have already spoken to the shop further down Claypath who have promised to remove their bins after collection. I will arrange a revisit to Claypath at periodic intervals to check the bins have been stored correctly.

I have also passed this problem to a colleague who works late shifts (when the restaurant will be open) and he should address this and report back.

Problems with bins left on the street - Sutton street (Under the Viaduct)



I visited the likes of Sutton street under the arches and those students who have left articles on the street have received a firm polite knock asking them to remove their bins / boxes asap.

All students were present when I knocked at various addresses and all were receptive to my request so hopefully this has done the trick in the shortfall



Attached Community Safety Information

Please see the 9 attached documents which I have sourced from colleagues which may be of interest? Hope this is ok but if of no value please let me know and I will omit from the next report

ITEM 6: CONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-22

There is a need for the Parish Council to begin planning for its budget request for the forthcoming financial year 2021-22. As part of this, the Clerk has written to each Chair of the Parish Council's Committees to request that each Committee considers a budget proposal, to be presented to the Parish Council's Finance Committee in early January 2021 and then approved by Full Council.

A reminder that the total budget allocation for the Parish Council's Environment Committee this financial year was £47,000.00 in total. This is broken down as follows:

Environment Committee

Item of potential expenditure	Cost (£)	
	Item	Sub-total
PRIORITY 1: Clean and Green		
Supporting Durham in Bloom + additional planting	10,000.00	
Purchase of bins for plastic only recycling	3,000.00	
Neighbourhood Warden	10,000.00	
Tackling pollution in the city centre (air/noise)	2,000.00	
Allotments	2,000.00	
PRIORITY 2: Involving young people		
Terracycle project	1,500.00	
Establishing a City-wide youth Environment Committee	5,000.00	
PRIORITY 3: Heritage		
Development of Durham heritage app	5,000.00	
PRIORITY 4: Business frontages		
Frontage awards + Christmas event	3,000.00	
PRIORITY 5: Noise		
Developing the Quiet Zone proposal	2,000.00	
PRIORITY 6: A167		
Developing project from 2019-20 on domesticating the A167	3,500.00	
TOTAL PROVISION IN 2020-21 AGAINST PRIORITIES		47,000.00

A paper on this item is to follow this Agenda from the Chair of the Environment Committee.