

APPENDIX A PONTELAND TOWN COUNCILLORS and STAFF

TOWN COUNCILLORS

South Ward

Councillor Carl Rawlings (Mayor)
Councillor Robin Ramsay
Councillor Peter Cowey

North Ward

Councillor Richard Dodd
Councillor Christine Greenwell
Councillor Adam Shanley

East Ward

Councillor Sue Johnson
Councillor Christine Caisley
Councillor Lesley Noble

West Ward

Councillor Liz Thompson
Councillor Joyce Butcher (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Alan Varley

STAFF

Clerk to the Council

Kathleen Mavin

Deputy Clerk

Jeanette Dodd

Assistant Clerk

Christine Holleyman

Administrative Assistant

Caroline Thompson

APPENDIX B PTC COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES

ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY (Monthly)

Councillor R Ramsay (Chair)
Councillor J Butcher
Councillor C Greenwell
Councillor C Caisley
Councillor S Johnson

HIGHWAYS WORKING PARTY (Monthly)

Councillor C Greenwell (Chair)
Councillor R G Ramsay
Councillor R Dodd
Councillor L Noble
Councillor A Varley

PLANNING COMMITTEE (Fortnightly)

Councillor E Thompson (Chair)
Councillor L Noble
Councillor S Johnson
Councillor A Varley
Councillor C Greenwell

ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (Ad-hoc)

Councillor C Rawlings
Councillor J Butcher
Councillor P Cowey
Councillor R Dodd
Councillor C Greenwell
Councillor S Johnson
Councillor R Ramsay
Councillor E Thompson

MUSIC IN THE PARK WORKING PARTY (Ad-hoc)

Councillor R Ramsay (Chair)
Councillor C Rawlings
Councillor Mrs J Butcher
Councillor Mrs E Thompson
Town Clerk K Mavin
Members of Rotary and Lions

CEMETERY COMMITTEE (Ad-hoc)

Councillor C Rawlings (Chair)
Councillor P Cowey
Councillor R Ramsay
Councillor C Greenwell
Councillor C Caisley

Footpath Users Group

Councillor R G Ramsay (Chair)

Mr Alan Mitcham

Mr Christopher Winks

Mr Alan Varley

Mr Malcolm McKenzie

Mr Peter Simpson

Mr Derek Deans

Mr John Colin Braithwaite

Mr Peter Bailey

Mr David Gambles DHEC

Mr Tim Fish NCC

Bus Users Group

Mr David Gambles Ponteland resident and bus user

Mr Ian Coe Transport Support Manager NCC

Mr Robin Knight Commercial Director (Stagecoach Buses)

Mr Malcolm Bell (Stagecoach Buses)

Councillor Robin Ramsay

Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Mrs Alma Dunigan (Chair)

Mr Will Moses (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Carl Rawlings

Councillor Robin Ramsay

Councillor Peter Cowey

Mr Chris Winks

Mr Chris Brummitt

Mr Andrew Tucker

Mrs Veronica Jones

Mr Peter Jackson

APPENDIX C PTC REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Library Consultative Committee

Councillor Mrs C Greenwell

Merton Hall Recreation Centre Trustees

Councillor Mrs C Greenwell (Treasurer)
Councillor Carl Rawlings (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Mrs E Thompson

Ponteland Memorial Hall Committee

Councillor Mrs. J Butcher
Councillor A Shanley

Richard Coates Education Foundation

Councillor Mrs C Greenwell

Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Mrs. J Butcher

Northumberland Association of Local Councils (NALC)

Councillor C Rawlings

Northumberland County Council Parish Liaison Group

Councillor C Rawlings
Town Clerk K Mavin

Ponteland Community Partnership

Councillor R G Ramsay
Councillor C Rawlings

Pont News and Views Editorial Group

Councillor R G Ramsay
Town Clerk K Mavin

Friends of Ponteland Park

Councillor Mrs J Butcher

Local Multi Agency Problem Solving

Councillor R Dodd
Note - Any Councillor may attend (LMAPS)

Fairtrade Working Party

Councillor Mrs L Noble

Leisure Centre Users Group

Councillor Mrs C Caisley
Councillor R Dodd
Councillor Mrs S Johnson

Ponteland Youth Strategy Group

Councillor Mrs S Johnson

Ageing Well Group

Councillor Mrs C Greenwell

APPENDIX D

BUDGETARY AND PRECEPT INFORMATION

ACTIVITY	2013/14 Budget £s	2014-15 Budget £s	2015-16 Budget £s
Highways	29,200	33,141	34,339
Environment	47,650	70,480	55,975
Park	27,800	13,040	26,480
Play Areas	9,800	13,499	11,644
Cemetery	35,000	26,000	30,000
Village Halls	10,200	10,567	10,998
Grants (see note 1)	51,100	61,250	51,300
Public Offices	17,500	21,042	23,468
General Administration	115,500	117,617	119,638
Other Expenditure (see note 2)	61,000	54,217	59,514
Total	404750	420,853	423,356
Precept	349,631	358,815	368,828
Precept Increase	1,284	9184	10,013

Note 1 – This heading includes expenditure for Pont News and Views however this is fully recovered in income.

Note 2 – Other expenditure includes items such as Remembrance Day Service, Music in the Park, the Skate Park, projects and a sum for capital asset replacement.

General

The budget and precept was unanimously agreed by all Councillors in January 2015.

APPENDIX E

MAYOR'S ATTENDANCE AT MAIN EVENTS MAY 2014 – MARCH 2015

DATE	EVENT
14 May	Elected Mayor by Town Councillors
17 May	Litter Pick with Northumberland Rivers Trust volunteers
17 May	Military Wives Concert in Memorial Hall
20 May	Planning Committee and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
21 May	Highways Working Party
2 June	Interviewed by Morpeth Herald
4 June	AGM of Northumberland and Newcastle Society
5 June	Merton Hall Trustees meeting
8 June	Ponteland Party in the Park
9 June	Fundraising dinner Memorial Hall
11 June	Town Council meeting
13 June	Neighbourhood Plan meeting and annual bowls match
18 June	Ponteland Community Partnership
19 June	Music in the Park meeting and Neighbourhood Plan training
27 June	Interviewed by Radio Newcastle about Music in the Park
2 July	Meeting NCC officers on Parish Liaison at Whalton Council
9 July	Town Council meeting
11 July	WW1 Remembrance Service and Exhibition meeting
12 July	NALC meeting at Pegswood
15 July	Planning Committee meeting
17 +29 July	Neighbourhood Plan meetings
3 August	Services in Ponteland and Hexham to commemorate the start of WW1
7 August	Merton Hall AGM
21 Aug	War Remembrance Working Party
26 Aug	Planning Committee
4 Sept	NCC Parish Liaison at Morpeth and Ponteland High School Leavers Event
10 Sept	Town Council meeting
13 Sept	NALC Morpeth and prize giving at Ponteland Flower Show
19 Sept	Neighbourhood Plan meeting and at the High Sheriff of Northumberland at Powburn
20 Sept	50 th anniversary of Merton Hall
24 Sept	Meetings with NCC Parish Liaison and PTC Internal Auditor
26/7 Sept	Attendance at Neighbourhood Plan consultation
29 Sept	Neighbourhood Plan interview with Morpeth Herald
6 Oct	Observer at Police HQ for West Area Planning Committee
8 Oct	Town Council meeting
9 Oct	Neighbourhood Plan meeting
10 Oct	Highways Working Party
15 Oct	Meetings about the skate park in PTC and PCP
18 Oct	NALC AGM Morpeth
26 Oct	St Mary's Church-re WW1 Remembrance of Lance Corporal John Wilkinson
27 Oct	Environment Working Party
8 Nov	NALC Morpeth and Remembrance Exhibition Ponteland
9 Nov	Remembrance Service and exhibition
12 Nov	Town Council meeting
21 Nov	Prize giving at Richard Coates Middle School

10 Dec	Town Council meeting
11 Dec	Reception for Ponteland volunteers
1 Jan	Prize giving at Ponteland's wheelbarrow race
13 Jan	Merton Hall Trustees meeting
14 Jan	NCC Core Strategy consultation and Town Council meeting
15 Jan	Observer visit to Birney Hill appeal
17 Jan	NALC Morpeth
20 Jan	Observer at Birney Hill appeal and NCC Standards Committee Morpeth
22 Jan	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
26 Jan	NCC Core Strategy workshop at Stannington
27 Jan	NALC Employment Initiative at Morpeth
28 Jan	Visit to Ponteland by NCC officers about skate park
29 Jan	Observer at Birney Hill appeal
31 Jan	NCC Core Strategy consultation
2 Feb	PTC standing orders review
4 Feb	PTC response to Core Strategy
9 Feb	Cemetery Committee
11 Feb	Town Council meeting
16 Feb	Environment Working Party and NCC discussion of Green Belt and smaller settlements
17 Feb	PTC response to NCC Planning Review
18 Feb	Ponteland Community Partnership
19 Feb	Music in the park meeting and Neighbourhood Plan meeting
22 Feb	Submission to DCLG on prioritisation of brownfield land
26 Feb	Public meeting of Ponteland Community Trust
28 Feb	Speech at Volunteers Lunch Merton Hall
7 March	Speech at Richard Coates Middle School about book reading
9 March	Cemetery Committee meeting about landscape design
11 March	Town Council meeting
16 March	Environment Working Party
17 March	Merton Hall Trustees meeting
19 March	Music in the Park meeting and NCC officers visit to PTC on Parish Liaison
21 March	NALC Morpeth
25 March	Ponteland Community Partnership meeting
26 March	Neighbourhood Plan meeting
30 March	Agenda Planning and Cemetery Committee
31 March	Discussion of flood risk
8 April	Annual meeting of electors

**Environment Working Party
Completed Tasks 2014-15**

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	Completed tasks		Comments
1	Northumbria in Bloom 2014		Ponteland received another Gold award in 2014. Various special entries also received awards as well as various "It's Your Neighbourhood" awards being presented to local individuals/groups/organisations
2	Memorial trees donation and location	Completed	New policy agreed by Council. New requests being planted in the area next to the Tennis Courts in the Park
3	Picnic bench & disabled bench in the Park	Completed	Installation of new recycled plastic bench and table carried out by PTC Contractors
4	Mill Race ditch in the Park	Completed	Carried out by PTC Contractors
5	Demolition of Bird Hide	Completed	Following consultation with FOPP and RSPB and Wildlife Trust it was agreed to demolish the Bird Hide. Work was carried out in December 2014
6	Moving Rhododendrons from triangular patch	Completed	Carried out by PTC Contractors
7	Cleaning off timber edges to paths in park	Completed	Annual contract completed late 2014
8	Hedge cutting in Park	Completed	Annual contract
9	Tree maintenance contract in the Park	Completed	Part of annual contract
10	Replacement of bins in the Park with new style	Completed	Some new style bins installed in March 2015 as part of ongoing programme
11	Clearance of Oxbow Lake	Completed	Annual contract with Northumberland Wildlife Trust to clear the lake
12	Cutting of Wild Meadow in the Park	Completed	Financial assistance given to FOPP to enable work to be carried out on regular basis to their specification
13	Tree survey on land outside of the Park	Completed	Tree survey has been carried out and will be implemented in stages. Urgent works have been carried out
14	Play areas Callerton & Twizell	Completed	New springers and surfacing installed at both play areas
15	Daffodil bulbs planted at various locations	Completed	Existing displays augmented at Dunsgreen, Rotary Way in late 2014
16	Hedge works at Pele Tower	Completed	Extension of existing hedge carried out in March 2015
17	Clearance of area adjacent to Pele Tower	Completed	Tidy up and clearance of land in PTC ownership at Pele Tower area carried out in March 2015
18	Reconstruction work on footpath at Coates Green	Completed	Work carried out in 2014
19	Clearance of areas at Coates Green	Completed	The clearance work was carried out in March 2015 by PTC contractors. The area is still to be turfed.
20	Replacement of litter bins in various locations	Completed	Bins installed in various locations around the Parish area

Task		Comments
1 Refurbishment of 2nd Historical Milepost	Completed	It had been agreed to repair a 2nd Historic Mileage Sign located close to The Waggon .The Town Council had received the necessary permissions from both the County Highways and Conservation Teams and agreed a quote for the work at their November Meeting The post had been removed for refurbishment on 30/1/14 and was reinstalled on 11/4/14.
2 Thornhill Road – Road Traffic Accident	Completed	The Council had received further emails regarding potential road traffic accidents in this area. The Town Council had already made a number of recommendations to NCC for implementation and these were to be followed up by the proper officers. Councillors from the North and East Ward offered to visit the complainant to investigate their concerns further and pass these to the LMAPS.
3 Pavement Obstruction at the rear of Merton Way shops	Completed	It was reported that bins at the rear of a business in Merton Way were overflowing and obstructing the path. Mr Harrison and Mrs Cryer had inspected and requested removal of the obstruction. The proprietor had complied. This was to be monitored
4 Road Flooding at Broadway/Middle Drive and Woodside	Completed	The round about at Broadway/ Middle Drive appeared not to be draining efficiently. It was unclear due to the standing water whether there were one or two gullies in this location. NCC had cleaned the gullies and these were now working correctly
5 Parking Issues at callerton Court	Completed	A copy of an complaint sent to Cllr Mrs Eileen Armstrong had been received. The council were advised to contact Lynn Ryan at Parking Services to ask if they could direct their resources in this area; also the police as parking on the path was a motor offence. A letter had been sent to the school to remind parents to respectfully observe the highway code. The issue was resolved
6 Report of litter, dog fouling and potholes on thoroughfare linking Ladywell way to Kirkley Drive.	Completed	The Council had received a copy of an email from a resident complaining. The complaint had been submitted to ask@northumberland.gov.uk. Mrs Cryer had investigated the problem and advised that the land had been transferred to Arch Commercial enterprise Ltd in 2012 and that therefore it was now their responsibility. The Clerk had forwarded the complaint on to Arch for their action.
7 Road Ownership - Station Cottages	Completed	Residents at Station Cottages were aggrieved that motorists were using an area of land outside of their property as an overflow car park and insisted that it was privately owned. The Clerk provided a map showing that the land belonged to NCC but was not adopted Highway.

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8	Request for tactile paving close to low level planters Merton Way	Completed	The overgrown shrubs and weeds had recently been removed from the low level planters in Merton Way exposing a small grey kerb. The kerb was not in contrast to the pavement and a partially sighted man had stumbled on this kerb. Members made a request for coloured tactile paving like that a crossing to be installed next to this low kerb to alert visually impaired people of the obstacle. This request had been passed to the Inspector but was to be retracted.
9	Reinstatement of grass verges on Western Way	Completed	Underground cabling had recently been installed on Western Way and the verges reinstated; however it was reported that the grass verge on the opposite side had been damaged as vehicles were forced to mount the verge to avoid the works. The Clerk forwarded a request for reinstatement along with photos showing the damage to Mr Dick Phillips NCC. The works had now been actioned.
10	Request to paint the power cabinet for Electric Vehicle charging Point (EVCP)	Completed	A report was submitted for consideration. Members agreed that the cabinets should be painted dark green to blend in with the surroundings. NCC to had agreed responsibility for initial painting on the proviso that PTC maintain. The Cabinet was now complete and a 2nd cabinet on Coates Green was also now complete.
11	Re locating of Recycling facilities at Merton Way Car Park	Completed	A request to relocate the recycling facilities in Merton car Park to the Lorry Park on the opposite side of the road was put forward. A petition had been completed and the bins relocated. An appeal for signs at the old location indicating the new location was made No longer required.
12	Parking Issues at Bell Villas	Completed	An email had been received from a resident regarding growing safety concerns for motorists and pedestrians entering and exiting Eland Haugh estate due to parked vehicles at the entrance to the Golf Club. Cllr Noble had visited 3 times and found that the issue seemed to have settled down
13	Cycling Meet - Merton Way Car Pak	Completed	The Clerk had made enquiries with Parking Services regarding an Ad hoc cycling event. Members were advised that no permissions were necessary to use the car park but that a common-sense approach should be used however if a food van was operating without a licence this should be reported immediately to the Enforcement team on 01670 620282 or emailed to Licensing@northumberland.gov.uk
14	Grass Cutting Meadowfield	Completed	The Chair had visited Manners to request that they sweep and collect grass cuttings from the pavement in future.

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15	Zebra Crossing at North Road	Completed	This scheme had been recommended for refusal following the consultation. Enquiries had been made for consideration of moving the proposed crossing further up towards the Blackbird nr Grange Rd and as an interim measure relocate the crossing patrol person to this location to gauge popularity and usage. The crossing patrol person had handed her notice in a few weeks ago and County had conducted a survey to see if the patrol was still necessary. Cllr Greenwell had attended the survey all options exhausted no longer required
16	Hedges Opposite Cecil Court	Completed	Councillor Greenwell reported that she had recently walked on the footpath from the coffee shop opposite Sainsbury's to the Golf Course and was concerned that many of the hedges were encroaching the footpath making it dangerously narrow in places. This had been passed to the Highways Inspector for action by NEAT. Another report re Fairney Edge had also been sent to ask@northumberland on behalf of resident Mr M McKenzie
17	Request for Dog Fouling Signs	Completed	A request for remind owners to pick up after their dog had been requested following a number of reports of dog fouling which was affecting families travelling to and from the schools on Thornhill Road. Some stencilling and signage had been applied on one side. A request to stencil the opposite side of the road was complete.
18	Replace 10 Cracked paving stones at Broadway	Completed	i. The Council had agreed an amount of £1000 to complete these works. Mr Harrison confirmed that the works were scheduled in. It had been confirmed that the flag works were now complete.
19	Ticketing at Merton Way Car Park	Completed	The Council had contacted County Parking Services Officer Lynne Ryan regarding unfair ticketing. In response Mrs Ryan made a request for some temporary lining at the old recycling bin site and assured that tickets would only be issued if cars were found to be causing an obstruction. Temp lining installed pending resurfacing
20	Car Park potholes at rear of HSBC	Completed	The Council were aware that this car park was privately owned however a large pot hole had opened up close to a drain and was causing concern. Members were keen to know if County had any leverage to ask that the Landlord make good the surface. Mrs Cryer advised that the landlord may be liable to action if he had what appeared to be riparian ownership of the watercourse. The Clerk was to write to the Landlord to suggest he attend to this problem. holes filled
21	Sign installed at the Leisure Centre	Completed	Members were aware that the Leisure Centre had installed a small sign in their car park, directing traffic to the overspill car park at the school. This was to combat abuse of the free parking at the Leisure Centre; the situation was to be monitored. The sign was now visible.

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22	Overgrown Hedging at Fairney Bridge opposite the Golf Course	Completed	Members asked if the County could direct resources to cut back hedging at this location. Mrs Cryer was to look into this and issue a letter requesting action.
23	Resurfacing on Station Cottages	Completed	This item was now complete as it was reported that all potholes had recently been filled.
24	Broadway Middle Drive Junction Improvements/ No Waiting restriction request	Completed	The said scheme had received 9 votes for and 7 against and therefore been recommended to go ahead; the full Decision report had now been received and some preparatory works begun. The lining was to coincide with resurfacing works. Signage installed
25	Composite Signage for Electric Vehicle Charging Point (EVCP) , Toilet and Car Parking – Thornhill Road	Completed	Members had requested a new combined sign and a design had been supplied. .An order had been placed for the sign 27/8/14 and it was now installed
26	Flooding at Prestwick Carrs	Completed	Councillor Mrs Armstrong advised that the Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Team (FCERM) had this issue in hand and supplied details from them that advised that some works had been completed which appeared to be sufficient to divert rainwater away from homes at Prestwick Carrs into the nearby gully. Future complaints regarding this issue were to be forwarded to Councillor Mrs Armstrong.
27	Footpath Clearance at Farm on North Road	Completed	De vegetation works had been requested at this location and had been completed by the NEAT team
28	Overgrown footpath between Dobbies and Prestwick Road Ends	Completed	The above issue had been raised. De veg works usually occurred once a year. The works appeared to have been completed but Cllr Varley was to verify.
29	Request for fencing around recycling bins	Completed	The area had been measured and priced up and works completed by NCC.
30	Request for Speed Restrictions on Ladywell Way	Completed	A request had been received from a resident. HWP Members agreed to ask the Police to monitor the problem and passed the request to NCC for further consideration
31	Maintenance of Bus Shelters	Completed	An annual painting and maintenance scheme by the TC Contractors had been provisionally scheduled between January and March before spring judging. Vegetation had been cut back at the bus shelter near Dobbies revealing damage to the roof. The roof works were now complete.
32	Request for No Cycling notices in Merton Way	Completed	PC Rob Anderson reported that he was receiving an increasing number of complaints regarding irresponsible and unrestricted cycling in the shopping area. He asked whether signage could be erected which would mean that he could approach individuals to ask them to dismount. Signs installed
33	Extra Speed Display at Cheviot View	Completed	An order had been placed for the new VAS sign it should be installed in 6-8 weeks time. VAS now installed

34	Follow up suggested 20mph repeater signs following accident on Thornhill Road	Completed	The Clerk was asked for a response to the Councils request for 20mph repeater signs at this location. A speed survey had taken place which suggested that speeding was not the issue here. Members felt that repeater signs would not address the issue and agreed to withdraw the request. An in house survey to record the through traffic from North Rd to the A696 was to be arranged.
35	Damaged Sign near The Badger	Completed	A damaged speed limit roundel near the Badger had been reported and we were advised that it would have to be replaced as a legal requirement. The Inspector confirmed that the roundells had now been reinstalled.
36	De-vegetation works required at Limestone Lane	Completed	RD agreed to approach the landowner regarding this issue.
37	Obstructive parking at Bell Villas.	Completed	Members enquired what action could be taken against vehicles parking and obstructing the footway at Bell Villas. Mr McKenzie advised all incidences to be reported to the police who would be able to ask the vehicles to move if they were causing an obstruction.
38	New BT Box installation causing possible obstruction	Completed	The Chair had noticed that a new BT Box had been installed near the old Mart site. This box was wider than the previous BT box and was thought could cause an obstruction to wheelchair users. Mr McKenzie had inspected and found there to be sufficient space for access.
39	Survey to record the through traffic from North Rd via Thornhill Rd to the A696	Completed	An in house survey to record the through traffic from North Rd to the A696 had taken place. Members asked that NCC consider the introduction of a no-car zone in this location for reasons of safety. Highways Officers Neil Snowdon, Les Gilberts and Lynne Ryan were aware of the issues in this location. The group were advised that there was no money in the budget to conduct a full traffic survey of the said area.
40	Request for de-vegetation and verge works at Cheviot View	Completed	Cllr Varley reported that hedges had been cut back but verges on the Southbound pavement still required attention. It was confirmed that completed de-vegetation works had much improved pedestrian access at this location.
41	Drainage on Cheviot View	Completed	Cllr Varley had requested that the drains all along Cheviot View were cleaned; he was pleased to report that this was now complete.

42	Request to clean bridge opposite the Golf Course	Completed	A request had been received to clean the aforementioned bridge. Photos of the bridge were circulated for information. The Bridge was the responsibility of County Highways. A request for cleaning Darras Road bridge had previously been refused due to funding however the Town Council had set aside a small sum to maintain the bridge as it was in a prominent area next to the Memorial Hall. It was generally felt that as the bridge on the A696 was made of stone i.e. not painted and due to the close proximity of the road, the bridge would soon become dirty once again therefore no action was to be taken.
43	Parking Enforcement/Layby Works	Completed	NCC now responsible for parking enforcement. Various incidents of overzealous ticketing had been reported. Yellow lining had been removed at layby on Thornhill Rd and a consultation proposal for 5 bays issued. Consultation TRO Car bay lining works and the installation of a plate notifying waiting times were now complete.
44	Parking on the pavement at Beechwood Place and Kirkley Drive	Completed	A resident had recently come into the office to complain about the lack of parking and access in the named cul-de-sac. Members suggested that residents only parking might address the issue; although this option was often unpopular as it incurred a cost. The consultation for the introduction of 'resident only' permit parking in the above locations was now closed. The results indicated that the majority of residents felt it was unnecessary and did not want resident parking only passes.
45	Grit Bin at Merton Way	Completed	Photos of a damaged grit bin full of rubbish had been supplied to County. The Town Council Contractors had agreed to remove the rubbish in the first instance but advised that this was a regular occurrence. Members asked whether the bin was needed as the Town Council contractors gritted the shopping areas. The Town Council Contractor confirmed that the black grit contained within the bin had not been used for over 2 years; The Town Council agreed to the removal of a grit bin; Mr Harrison reported that the bin had now been removed.
46	Resident request for reinstatement of SLOW road markings on Berwick Hill Road.	Completed	A request for the above had been received from a Ponteland resident. This had been passed to NCC for a response and action.
47	Report of obstructive parking at the rear of Merton Shopping Centre.	Completed	The Chair had reported an incidence of habitual obstructive parking at this location. Members were advised that following a visit from PC Rob Anderson the incidence of obstructive parking had ceased.