

Clerk's Report – 15th July 2019

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- i. **Mental Health Awareness Event** – contact has been made with Rebecca Campbell, Associate Director, North Access Services, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust regarding the arrangements for this meeting and she is going to come back to me with the relevant information i.e. suggested dates and organisations involved. I have indicated that the Parish Council would be prepared to host the event here in the Village and would issue the invitations to groups and individuals interested in being involved.
- ii. **Empowering Communities Project** - I have been contacted by Jude Deeks, Locality Coordinator, Empowering Communities Project, West Northumberland area, based with Prudhoe, Hexham and Haltwhistle Community Partnerships who would like to come along to a meeting and talk about her role and how she might be able to work alongside Wylam's community to strengthen what the community is already doing so well. Details of her role are given below and further information can be obtained at: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Care/Empowering-Communities-Project.aspx>
- iii. **Training** – I attended a new clerk's event, organised by the Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC), on 3rd July. This was an excellent event with lots of very helpful information, advice and networking.

I also attended the SLCC Northumberland Branch meeting on 9th July. This was a good opportunity to meet other Clerks in the County and discuss issues e.g. NCC budget issues around public toilets.

- iv. **Hagg Bank Play Area** – an accompanied inspection of the play area has been booked with Wickstead. Once this has taken place and the report received regarding the improvements required we can then discuss and agree how these should be carried out.

The dangerous sign has been removed and it is suggested that a new sign be purchased and installed. Quotes will be obtained for this.

- v. **Nature Reserve** – strimming due to be carried out in the very near future.
- vi. **Ivy Removal at 3-4 Laburnum Terrace** – the contractor has been instructed to carry out the work as soon as all birds have fledged. A Creighton is aware of this.