

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 1st February 2021**

Agenda Item: 8

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

North Area Ward Alliance – Operational Updates

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises the North Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance implementation.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the North Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held during November and December 2020.

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The reporting into the North Area Council, of the Ward Alliance notes is in line with the approved Council protocols. The notes are for information only.

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Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance
‘CAN DO-WILL DO’
Tuesday 10th November – 6 PM
Teams Meeting

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Helen Altun – Minutes
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

Apologies:

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church
Janine Williams – Local Resident
David Hilton – Green space
David Oates - Local Business Man
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man

Chair not present at the meeting. Steve Hunt proposed as chair.

2. Declarations of Interest – None

3. Minutes of previous meeting - Approved

4. Matters Arising - None

5. Financial Update

Balance is £6,946. £960 to be added to the balance from the hanging basket plaques. No invoices received from the café at the village hall. This needs to be chased up.

6. Applications for Funding

£2,250. Christmas lights installation and removal for Mapplewell village – approved.

7. Ward Action Plan

The ward alliance would like to support families and children who may be in need. The ward alliance discussed what could be given out to help. They agreed

nothing should be given out directly in class. A ward alliance member asked if it would be possible to supply each child with an activity pack and a selection box. In the three local schools, there would be 1,016 children so the total cost would be around £1000.

A ward alliance member explained there would be no winter warmer event this year due to the coronavirus restrictions.

A ward alliance member asked if we could support a local business by funding them £150 which would be available via ten £15 fruit and vegetable boxes from Morris' fruit and veg. These could be advertised by Morris' fruit and veg to go to the families who have the greatest need in the community. All members agreed that this was a good idea. A member agreed to contact Morris' fruit and veg.

8. Darton East website-

The website has gone in for approval and there will be two ways to access it.

9. Christmas-

All trees have been ordered and all tree lights have arrived. Approval received for a sleeve at Windhill. The cost of the sleeve will be £500-£600. We also need to apply for a 171 license which will be a one off cost of £207. The tree can then be up at Windhill every year. All lights need to be checked to ensure that there is enough. The trees will be situated at the Co-op in Mapplewell, Windhill and Woolley Colliery.

The village lights will be installed and switched on around the 27th to the 28th of November. All Christmas trees will also be up by the 27th to the 28th of November. The timers will need to be set for the tree at Windhill and two people are needed to set them and turn them on.

Final numbers were given for prizes needed for the school Christmas colouring competition.

10.AOB

A member wanted to raise possible drug dealing in the area. Mainly behind the Co-op and behind the church on Blacker Road. The member was told to go onto the South Yorkshire police website to report the incident. The member was told to ask the police to proactively patrol those areas and also behind the village hall.

There will be a road closure on Sackup lane from the 16th of November 2020 for approximately three weeks. This is for repairs to the water network and will be between High street and Kingsway.

The COVID situation in Barnsley is that cases are increasing. Currently, there are 507 cases per 100,000 people. This is a fluctuating plateau. Barnsley hospital is incredibly busy with more patients now than in the first wave of the virus.

The safer neighbourhood team are trying to work with youths congregating in the area. The coronavirus is increasing in over 65 year olds but is spread across all age groups and parts of Barnsley. Mapplewell and Staincross have one of the highest rates in Barnsley.

New COVID Marshall's have been recruited and have been visiting venues in the area. This is an important role. A member suggested they should have been recruited earlier.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 08/12/20 at 6 pm.

Darton East Ward Alliance

'CAN DO-WILL DO'

Tuesday 8th December 2020 – 6 PM

Teams Meeting

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Cllr Harry Spence - Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Helen Altun – Minutes
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager
David Oates - Local Business Man
Leyla Brooke- neighbourhood engagement officer
Gerard Morrall

Apologies:

Pauline Brook - Methodist Church
Janine Williams – Local Resident
David Hilton – Green space
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
David Lockwood – Local Business Man
Cllr Gail Charlesworth - Darton East Ward Councillor

Chair not present at the meeting. Steve Hunt proposed as chair. Leyla Brooke and Gerard Morrall welcomed to the meeting.

6. Declarations of Interest – None

7. Minutes of previous meeting - Approved

8. Matters Arising – None

9. Neighbourhood engagement officer- Leyla Brooke introduced herself as the new neighbourhood engagement officer for Barnsley North. Her role is to support

and give guidance to businesses, residents and community groups regarding COVID 19. She can answer any questions, sign post to befriending services and help with looking at ways businesses can open up in a COVID secure way. She confirmed that she needed support with community intelligence. She works closely with public health, she explained there were outbreaks here and there when people misunderstand guidance or have mixed feelings towards it. Her workload is spread evenly across the four wards that she covers. The most recent outbreaks are 0-18 year olds. They need to understand the difference between school bubbles and how bubbles work outside of school. Her email address and contact number will be forwarded to all members.

6. Financial Update – Balance is just over £6500. There is still some money left in the working budget pots. If any projects need support please tell them to get their applications in. The website has been signed off and approved. A sub-group will need to be set up to share responsibility of the website and have access to the website.

7. Applications for Funding – none.

8. Ward Action Plan

The priorities for the ward action plan will need to be looked at again in February. At the ward briefing, it was reported that there was a spate of rogue traders going around knocking on doors. This seems to have calmed down recently. The ward alliance may wish to do something around cold calling.

A leaflet could be put together and placed in the arrow magazine. The leaflet could be targeted to the Darton east residents. A member offered to design a leaflet and email it around to all members and bring it to the next meeting. A member mentioned the possibility of giving out good neighbour cards and no cold-calling stickers.

A member explained they would like to continue with the kids' events next year. A member mentioned a trip for the kids would be nice but it was explained that the ward alliance could not fund trips.

A member asked if the ward alliance would like to ask for sponsors again for the hanging baskets next year. Members agreed it was a good idea.

9. Darton East website-

Caroline Hague, David Oates and Steve Hunt were all happy to help with the website. The website will be added to the action plan. In January the sub-group will need to decide when to meet to discuss the Darton East website.

10. Christmas-

There are three Christmas trees, one at Windhill, one at Woolley colliery and one at the co-op in Mapplewell.

It is not possible for each school in the area to receive selection boxes for each pupil. It would be too expensive to fund this project.

Morris' fruit and veg shop should be advertising 10 x £15 boxes funded by the ward alliance.

11. AOB

A member explained that a couple of years ago they met with residents regarding a foot path between Hill End Road and Spey Close. The member has recently received an email to say the footpath will be advertised in the chronicle and opened to the public.

A member explained an application had been received by planning. The application number is 2020-1008. The application is to extend the property of 5 Cranbourne drive over the footpath. If the application is not opposed the footpath may get taken over.

A member asked if anyone knew of any vulnerable people who needed a supply of dog or cat food, they were advised to contact the local vets, local rescue centres, fair share and Barnsley food bank project.

A member confirmed they had reported drug dealing activity to the South Yorkshire police and patrols would be put in place. The police have also been asked to support around the co-op area in regards to anti-social behaviour.

A member asked the neighbourhood engagement officer how schools in the area were dealing with coronavirus. She explained they were all dealing with it differently.

A member explained that the Sackup Lane road closure has been extended for another week. The works should now be completed by the 24th December 2020.

A member also mentioned that a bollard had been knocked down in the village centre by a vehicle going up Greenside. A similar incident occurred in early November. Highways have been informed. This is a health and safety issue. The bollards are there for safety of the residents and to stop illegal parking.

A member explained the area around Apple-yard's is a problem for illegal parking. Parking enforcement have been made aware but they have limited resources. There is a new carpark at the back of the Methodist church on Blacker Road. This will hopefully help with any parking issues in the village.

A member explained there was an ongoing issue with flytipping on Woolley Colliery road. They continue to report it and are hoping some surveillance cameras can be put up in the area. A member put forward a suggestion for some big blocks to be put into the entrance of the fly tipping area to deter people from fly tipping.

Meeting closed.

Next meeting 12/01/21 at 6 pm

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, 18th November 2020. At 5.00 pm.

(Virtual Discussions).

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Trevor Cave, Jason Gardner, Tom West, Christina Carroll, John Ryan, Dominic McCall, Bobby Medlam, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Ann Plant, Nicole Whitford.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 The Minutes of the meeting, Wednesday, 21st October 2020 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matter Arising.

Richard gave update of Parks Review, Agenda item next meeting.

Rebecca to investigate costings for replacement bench at Wilthorpe Community Centre.

Rebecca to contact Twiggs re: litter pick across Ward Parks and Recreational Areas.

Rebecca to chase up new litter bins at Gawber Shops.

Rebecca to contact Redbrook TARA re: 2 Planters at Redbrook, Roundabout, to tidy and possible planting.

Tom and Jason are willing to engage students in Parks development and future tree and autumn bulb planting. (Future Development).

Sharon to contact Barnsley Business Village for possible future planting of Spring bulbs and Planters. (Future Development).

Rebecca to supply Cllr information for Ward Notice Boards.

Rebecca and Tom to complete WAF, re: Ward Alliance contribution for Horizon Christmas Hampers. £300.00. Agreed.

Rebecca to send Application Form to Bobby Medlam re: full membership to Darton West Ward Alliance.

Cllr Trevor Cave to contact Vicar at Darton Church, for WAF to be completed re: costings and supply of outside water tap for local residents use in Church graveyard.

3 Ward Action Plan.

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Plan, this was discussed and any amendments made. (Agenda item).

4a Ward Alliance Budget.

A 2020/2021 Budget was discussed.

Current Budget. £9,438.22.

B WAF Applications.

None received.

C Children's Holiday and Food provision. Working Budget of £2000.00 Agreed.

5 Darton Project Update and Progress.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated the group of progress being made.

Extremely positive comments about the project (Agenda item).

6 North Area Council Update.

Nothing to Report.

7 A.O.B.

Bobby updated work being undertaken on behalf of the young People of Barnsley and the Youth Council.

Tom West updated his professional role re: Special Needs Students.

Time and Date of the next meeting.

Members please note.

Sub Group Meeting Tuesday, 8th December 2020, at 5.00 pm.

Virtual Meeting. All welcome.

Ward Alliance Meeting Wednesday, 9th December 2020 at 5.00 pm.

Virtual meeting.

Darton West Ward Alliance.

Minutes of Meeting.

Wednesday, 9th December, 2020, at 5.00 pm.

(Virtual Discussions).

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Trevor Cave, Dominic McCall, Bobby Medlam, John Ryan, Tom West, Jason Gardner, Annabelle Watson, Nicole Whitford, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Ann Plant, Christina Carroll.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye. Layla Brooke.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 The Minutes of the meeting, Wednesday, 18th November 2020 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising.

Trevor to monitor application from Vicar of Darton Church re: WAF submission for external water tap.

Trevor to include developments of Parks Survey in the Ward Action Plan.

Richard to contact Jo Birch and Russ Bowland for possible site meetings re: future tree planting at Kexbrough, Barugh Green and Wood View recreational grounds. Cllrs to be notified of date.

Jason and Tom to engage students to support future environmental programmes across the Ward.

Tom to organise available Cllr and Ward Members for Horizon Christmas Hamper Photograph re: Donation, Ward Alliance Support and inform of time and date.

Rebecca to monitor additional litter bins for Gawber.

Rebecca to supply Cllr information for Ward Alliance Notice Boards.

Rebecca to look at costings for Toddler equipment for Gawber and Barugh Green play areas.

Rebecca to look at costings for Dog Fouling Signs.

Sharon to update of possible future bulb planting and Planters at Barnsley Business Village after their next meeting.

3 Ward Alliance Action Plan Update.

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Plan, these were discussed and amendments made. (Agenda item).

4a Ward Alliance Budget.

A 2020/21 Budget was discussed.

Current Budget Remaining, £7.054.22

B WAF Applications.

Care Leavers Christmas Dinner. Agreed.

5 Darton Project Update and Progress.

Cllr Trevor Cave updated the Group of the excellent progress being made. Most aspects now in place. Public response extremely positive. Agenda item next meeting.

6 North Area Council.

Cllr Alice Cave updated of the Groups last meeting.

(a) Members agreed to support the Elderly across the North Area.

(b) Cllr Alice Cave informed North Area Council members of the work of the Darton West Ward Alliance.

7 Parks Survey.

This was discussed at length and now forms part of the Ward Action Plan.

8 Active Travel. (Agenda item).

9 A.O.B.

Jason interested in the Darton Park Tiles Programme. (Contact person Cllr Trevor Cave in the first instance).

Tom, Jason and Bobby to look into Social Media Initiatives. (Agenda item).

Bobby to supply his Ward Alliance Application using the normal channels.

Tom thanked Cllrs and Ward members on behalf of Horizon for their support of this Year's Christmas Hamper donation.

Cllr Alice Cave (Chair) thanked all members for their contributions and involvement for 2020.

Date and Time of the next Meetings.

Members please note.

Sub Group Meeting Tuesday, 12th January 2021 at 5.00 pm.

Virtual Meeting. All welcome.

Ward Alliance Meeting Wednesday, 13th January 2021 at 5.00 pm.

Virtual meeting.

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance
Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and
Pogmoor
Minutes of 13th October 2020

1. In Attendance.
Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gillian Nixon, Bill Gaunt, Luke Holmes, Cameron Stirk.
2. Apologies.
John Love, Sheila Lowe.
3. Minutes of last meeting, agreed.
4. Funding Applications.
4.1 Christmas Holiday Packs. Lee has provisionally contacted the three primary schools in the Old Town area, the schools are able to identify at least 30 children that would benefit from these packs. £2000 sum agreed. To review cost if required.
5. There was a suggestion that donations be made to local care homes, however it was advised BMBC had provided Communication Devices to Care Homes in the Borough.
6. We discussed the food bank at Emmanuel Church and at Tesco's, the food from these are collected and distributed borough wide, so does not guarantee that the food goes to Old Town residents.
7. Cameron Stirk to speak to the workers from Emmanuel to identify any elderly people who may require support in the Old Town area and will feed back to the Ward Alliance.
8. Spring Bulbs are on their way, discussed planting Daffodils near to the Information Boards at The Fleets and nr the Way markers near to Willowbank. Areas near Sugdens rec to be identified to plant bulbs.
9. Cllr Lofts brought up the subject of a further notice board nr Sugdens Rec. It was highlighted that the noticeboard relating to the Bomber Crash is looking tired. There are deeds available which relate to Sugdens Rec; it has a lot of history on it so Gill Nixon will work on some information for a notice board.
10. AOB
11. Christmas Trees, Clive Pickering to circulate pictures of the trees, there are no guarantees that the trees can be protected from Vandalism.
12. Lee Swift informed the Ward Alliance that a North area Team officer, Layla Brook, has been appointed to advise businesses regarding 'Keeping Covid Safe'. There has also been a housing officer appointed, Lee will ask them to attend a meeting to introduce them to the Ward Alliance.
13. There was some discussion regarding the work being undertaken at 'The Fleets', that the grass under the newly planted trees has not been cut, there was also concern expressed that the tarmac path was not in a good state. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has been undertaking work there although this was difficult as the worker had been 'furloughed' due to the Covid 19 situation. The worker from Yorkshire Wildlife is now back working and will be there on Wednesdays for the foreseeable future.

14. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 10th November 2020 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

Old Town Ward Alliance
Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and
Pogmoor
Minutes of 10th November 2020

15. In Attendance.

Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gillian Nixon, Bill Gaunt, Luke Holmes, Cameron Stirk.

16. Apologies.

John Love, Sheila Lowe.

17. Notes of the last meeting were agreed with the following amendment to item 13;

Concerns were expressed regarding the perceived lack of work being undertaken from 2018 onwards, which was compounded by the COVID pandemic. It was highlighted that the YWT manager has been off sick for a prolonged period of time, this coincided with a change of management at Barnsley College. A report will be made available as soon as the situation will allow.

Funding monies, £20,000 from 106 money.

£20,000, North Area subsidies for 2020/21 work and further £10,000 from North area for next year.

Agenda

18. Funding Applications.

4.1 Fare Share in Barnsley are providing packs for families, which will be Christmas Themed. Various activities will be in the pack with an age appropriate book at cost of £6.50 each. Summer Lane, Gawber and Wilthorpe primaries have all agreed, St Mary's and Burton Road have yet to agree. Costed for 90 packs. Clarified that Fare Share will do the activity packs and Ward Alliance will do food packs. Gill Nixon queried whether Horizon School had been approached, Lee to discuss with them. **Agreed**

19. Elderly packs, Carol Cotton from Emanuel church will be sending out packs, please let Cameron Stirk know of any elderly that may be on their own at Christmas. Cameron and Carol are to contact Age Concern, Help The Aged and Crossroads. 100 packs to distribute, please email Cameron with suggestions, e.g. elderly, on their own no immediate family and low income/means, over 50. Cost £1,000. (£10 per person). **Agreed.**

20. AOB

21. Research project. Cllr Lofts brought to the W.A attention a research project by MSc Forensic Psychology Students at Sheffield Hallam University, who are doing research on behalf of South Yorkshire Police, wanting public opinion on the public's perception of the Police. The survey will be online and approx. 10 mins long. It was felt appropriate to include on the W.A. website, Cllr Lofts will forward details to Bill Gaunt for inclusion. **Agreed.**

22. Leak on Sugden's Rec, Yorkshire water are currently doing repairs.

23. Social Media page for W.A. this was discussed, Lee Swift to liaise with those who expressed an interest.

24. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 8th December 2020 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

Old Town Ward Alliance
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25. In Attendance.

Cllr Pickering (Chair), Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Gillian Nixon, Bill Gaunt, Luke Holmes, Cameron Stirk, John Love and Leyla Brooke (Neighbourhood Engagement Officer)

26. Apologies.

Sheila Lowe.

27. Notes of the last meeting were agreed.

Agenda

28. Leyla Brooke attended the meeting to introduce herself and her role, this covers all four areas in the North area along with a Public Health Role. Her role is to give advice to businesses regarding Covid 19, particularly if outbreaks of Covid occur she can provide advice and support. She can help to get community groups up and running, along with licensed premises to ensure they are safe and secure. She is also available to help residents with any concerns regarding Covid they may have.

29. B.G. raised a concern regarding the Bomber Commemoration event in January and whether it can go ahead due to Covid restrictions, it was agreed that Bill would contact Tom Parnham regarding this and Tom to contact Layla, may be appropriate to have a group of six who can socially distance.

30. C. S. has emailed people who would value a meal at Christmas.

31. Funding Applications.

7.1 Incredible Edible Planter Plaque, this will cost, L.H. reported that Darton East have a plaque (Provided by Darton East W.A.) L.S. is to look into the cost approx. £977.00, provisionally agreed by the W.A. To feedback to next meeting.

7.2 community Recovery College, funding for electric bike, B.S. asked for clarification regarding this group and who they were, Clive clarified this. J. L. would support this application. G.N. queried if they were NHS then would W.A. be able to support, all present felt it appropriate. Agreed that L.S. would investigate safety re hats etc. Approved subject to Lee and Rosie confirming that the application fits the criteria of the application. C.S. Other equipment may be provided by other funding sources.

7.3 Food Parcels and Activity Packs. All primary school in the ward along with Burton Rd and Gawber Rd, as well as Horizon Secondary School. Lots of Food and Lots of Activities. Families will get a letter which is to be handed to school in exchange for parcels. ASDA has helped a great deal.

32. AOB

33. Newsletter, print deadline is the end of January. May be an opportunity for a piece in the Newsletter regarding the bat Colony in Old Town.

34. Sugdens Rec, work has now been completed by Yorkshire Water.

35. Date, Time and Venue of Next meeting, 12th January 2021 at 7pm via MS Teams, link to be emailed.

Appendix Four:



St. Helen's Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Thursday 19th November 2020, 4pm. Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present : Cllr Leech (Chair), Cllr Tattersall, Cllr Platts, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, John Hallows, Madge Busby, Michelle Cooper.

By Invite : Leyla Brook (Neighbourhood Engagement Worker)

Apologies : Tony Lowe, Freda Stenton, Kath Bostwick, Pooja Ramchandani, Neil Wright
Due to the current circumstances and the Ward Alliance having to carry out meetings online some members had issues joining the meeting.

Welcome and Introductions: Introductions were given and everyone was thanked for their attendance.

Leyla introduced herself and explained that she will be working with businesses during Covid to help them understand local restrictions and how they are able to operate during this time, she will also be helping community groups so they are able to continue running during/after the pandemic.

Funding Applications: Community Christmas Tree Lights and Gift Packs. Lee explained that due to Covid restrictions there will be no Christmas events taking place this year but feels that Christmas Tree lights still need to be lit to help lift peoples spirits and maintain their Health and Wellbeing. It has also been decided to give out a Christmas Activity pack to certain children in the community. This funding application is for £2,254 and will be to fund new Christmas trees, lights and activity packs. The bid was discussed between the members and the full amount was agreed.

Covid Engagement Worker: There was a general discussion between Leyla and the members regarding current restrictions in the area and the increasing number of Covid cases in the borough. Lee to distribute Leylas number to members so they can report any businesses running against restrictions or anyone holding parties. 101 can also be used to report any concerns.

Events: Due to the current Covid restrictions all Christmas events have been cancelled. Cllr Tattersall explained that a Memory tree service may be able to take place once the current restrictions have been assessed, this will probably take place outside. Cllr Tattersall asked for

the dates in December everyone would be available to attend so she could pass them onto the Reverend at the Church so a date can be arranged.

There are no decisions made as of yet due to current lockdown restrictions for the lights switch on at the Church, community shop or New Lodge Community centre but these will be forwarded as soon as any are made.

Cllr Leech said he had been asked to be Santa on the 15th December at Athersley North Primary School if restrictions allow.

Any other business: The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

Spring bulbs arrived and have been planted as agreed upon.

Ad Astra also delivered bulbs to residents in the Ward.

Lee was thanked for organising.

Honey Pot Cafe have planned to stay closed until next year and will look to obtain funding next year.

Cllr Platts to contact Laithes Day Unit and Lindhurst Lodge to see if they require and help or support.

St Helens Summer Gala - awaiting Covid restrictions near to time. Rebecca happy to organise next year's Gala if we are able to hold one.

Bench at Poundstretcher - still awaiting updates. Plaques have been collected. Cllr Tattersall thanked for this. TWIGGS are completing the rest of the work, turfing the rest of the area.

Bench at St Helens Church is still awaiting the Plaque to be fitted which will be sorted once we are able to within Covid restrictions.

New Lodge Co-op store is due to reopen on 26th November at 9am. Cllrs are welcome to attend so long as social distancing rules are maintained.

Lee to distribute Financial report at a later date.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Meeting closed at 5pm.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 4pm via Microsoft Teams.

Lee Swift to send out invites to the meeting closer to the time.