

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr David Henderson, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	30 July 2015	9(c)

**Executive Report: Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder**

**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1** To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio, as set out below.

**2. Dogs**

- 2.1** The Council participated in the National 'scoop the Poop' campaign and encouraged Parish Council's and community groups to take part in partnership with the Dogs Trust.
- 2.2** Officers continue to undertake environmental patrols, these are linked to intelligence provided by customers and complaints, though it is positive to note that the number of reports received for dog fouling in the same areas is falling. In June this year we received only 15 reports of dog fouling across the borough.
- 2.3** Residents continue to report witnessing people known to them as letting their dogs foul but they have not been comfortable to provide a statement to allow an Officer to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. We continue to encourage everyone to 'do their bit' in assisting us to tackle this problem and to try and identify if this is a regular pattern so an Officer can be in attendance. Further campaigns regarding this will continue throughout the year.

**3. Street scene**

- 3.1** Officers have been working closely with the Police and local communities in a joint exercise to try and catch people that appear to be fly tipping large quantities of waste regularly in the Over Wyre area.
- 3.2** We have had some good leads on a couple of fly tipping cases which are also linked to cases across the Fylde coast. Investigations are still on-going.

#### **4. Parks and open spaces**

- 4.1** The works to refurbish Memorial Park are largely complete and the contractor's compound has been removed from site. Minor works and rectification of defects will be completed during the rectification period which extends for the next twelve months.
- 4.2** The Heritage Lottery Fund Grants Officer and Project Monitor visited site on 6 July for a tour of the work and to discuss the delivery of the project. They were pleased with the scheme and the Grants Officer will continue to monitor the delivery of the activity programme over the next few years.
- 4.3** BBC Radio Lancashire returned on Sunday 5 July to broadcast Stephen Lowe's outdoors programme live from the park following their show last year when restoration work had just begun. Myself, members of the Friends group, Terry Rogers, officers and members of the public were all interviewed and the show resulted in some very positive publicity.
- 4.4** The annual Fun Day was held Saturday 25 July and used as an opportunity to launch the park and showcase the range of facilities available.
- 4.5** Engagement activities to consult the community on the restoration of the Mount are on-going. A display with questionnaires was hosted at Fleetwood Town Council's Office and Fleetwood Museum this month. A storyteller engaged children in the site's heritage and sought their views at a session held at the pavilion with St Mary's Catholic Primary School on 8 July. Tenders have been received for the reinstatement of railings and an appointment is due to be made shortly. Work on the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the second phase of work is on-going ready for submission in September.

#### **5. Comments and questions**

- 5.1** In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of Council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.5.