

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

NESTON LOOKING BETTER

Notes from NLB meeting No.3

Held in Neston Town Hall on Thursday February 10th 2022 at 11am.

Present – Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr B Marple, Rob Kynaston, Rose McMahon, David Johnson, Michelle Johnson.

Apologies - Cllr P Kynaston

1. Neston Report – Janet Griffiths

The round flower bed on Chester Road has been replanted with pansies donated by Gordale Nurseries by the Fair Trade group.

PDQ who are contracted by NTC to do all the hanging baskets and NTC planted areas are also mowing the grassed areas at NCYC and have donated plants from Chester Zoo as they have been splitting plants.

The ivy is beginning to trail from the planters outside Elephant Bank which will help to soften the look of the concrete.

JG is about to restart the weeding group to tackle the public flowerbeds which CWAC are not able to maintain. CWaC Cllr Keith Millar has offered to pay from his allowance for some plants for the Ladies Walk bed which CWAC have not planted at all this year. It is one of the gateways into Neston Town Centre and is looking very neglected at the moment.

It is good to see that the old Barclays Bank has been sold and will become the offices of Mitchell Building Company.

NTC are planning an Easter Market. It is good to see that the market is still thriving.

2. West Vale Report – Rose McMahon

10 fruit trees have been planted in the corners of the park. Thanks to the Ruby Holloway bequest, Neston Civic Society have been able to pay for a new bench at the Marshlands Road end of the park.

The Fun Day in the Park has had to be moved to July 1st as the regular date has a number of other competing events taking place.

There has been some cutting of overhanging shrubs along the perimeter fencing.

The Friends group are hoping that the play area is going to be upgraded. This is the only one in the area which has not had the equipment renewed.

3. Ness Report – Michelle Johnson

A new Conservation area map being compiled by the Neston Civic Society, is almost complete. A copy will go in Ness Gardens and other areas in the centre of Ness.

4. Parkgate Report – David Johnson

The Community Spirit group continue with their monthly litter pick.

The toilet block on School lane is in need of an upgrade. Discussions between Deeside Court and CWAC are taking place concerning the dangerous condition of the concrete walls in the car park area.

A Jubilee Street party is being planned for June 3rd. Cllr Martin Barker and a group of residents are planning a weekend of celebrations. It is hoped that the local businesses will take part.

Discussions to revamp the old baths area at the end of the Parade are still ongoing.

The commemoration bench for Cllr Philip Owen has been repaired and reinstated by Neston Town Council. Mrs Owen is very pleased with the result. More information boards are planned to be installed all along the Parade.

5. Library Garden – Helen Neal

No Report. We hope to receive the report next meeting.

6. Neston in Bloom

We have decided not to continue with this plan.

7. Empty Shops

Elephant Bank have taken over the old Martins News Agents shop. We wait to see what they plan to open as there has not been a planning application for change of use.

Old Barclays bank is to open as Mitchell's building company offices.

A new Turkish Barbers has opened in the old picture framers.

There is no news of the Lode Star block.

Hawk Dress shop on Brook Street and the Lilt Pad are still empty.

8. Little Neston Green

The flower bed on the Green has now been replanted by CWAC but a group to help maintain it has yet to be formed.

Little Neston Methodist Church have applied to CWAC to plant 2 trees for the Queens Jubilee and their 150 yr. anniversary.

9. Jubilee tree planting

It is hoped that a public orchard is planted in Stanney Fields park behind the climbing frame area. Maybe the Dell area could become a Jubilee garden.

10. Public Flowerbeds

The weeding group is to be reformed to tackle the neglected beds.

11. Litter Picking group

It is hoped that the weeding group could tackle any area particularly unsightly can be cleared if necessary.

Next Meeting will be in April. TBA.