

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE NESTON LOOKING BETTER

Notes from NLB meeting No. 6

Held in Neston Town Hall on Thursday November 3rd at 11am 2022.

Present :- Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr B Marple and Michelle Johnson.

In Attendance – Roisin Prendergast (CWAC)

Apologies – Cllr P Kynaston

1. Neston Report – Janet Griffiths

The town flowerbeds have continued to be weeded but rain has made the weeds grow faster than the weeding group can keep up. J G and Rob Ward tackled the Market Square planters and cut back the box bushes and lavender bushes and pruned the roses.

There was a Litter Pick on the Clayhill for October 16th, advertised on AMA asking for volunteers. But no response. Cllrs JG, BM and P K tackled the length of Coalbrookdale Road alongside Aldi and filled 6 large bags of litter and assorted large items. The rest of Builwas Road still need s doing. The High St Parklet and Chester Road car park and Stanney Fields park are picked every Sunday.

The planters outside Blue Bicycle were demolished by a car and have not been replaced.

The Post Office has been taken over by the Little Actors group as their office and they now use the town hall for regular rehearsals.

It is hoped that a pop-up post office may be introduced to the town centre on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

The apartments being built at the rear of the Turkish barbers on the High St. and over the old Barclays bank are looking good.

The Halloween market was a great success with a visit from the 'Grim Reaper' and a 'werewolf'. Town Councillors had a second hand bookstall and the market manager devised a quiz for the children. 50 children completed it and it was a great success.

There will be a piper playing on the Market Square on November 11th and will cease for 2 minutes silence.

Neston Civic Society are hoping to form a regular monthly group to tackle weeding, litter and weeds in gutters etc.

Unfortunately, the teak bench put in a number of years ago by Neston Civic Society was demolished in the early hours of October 10th. There is no evidence to show how it happened.

2. West Vale Report – No report

Rose McMahon is giving up the chairmanship of the Friends of West Vale Park. Cllr Martin Barker is taking it over so he will be invited to NLB meetings.

3. Ness Report – Michelle Johnson

The Town council has supported the traffic calming for Ness with a grant and should be installed soon. The Ness Conservation area map is still in progress.

4. Parkgate Report – Benda Marple

A new pond on the marsh has been constructed in August near the Old Quay by dredging a number of small ponds.

The gulleys on the marsh were dredged from the Old Quay to the Boathouse. The Space Hive project for the improvement and increase of the interpretation boards exceeded the amount planned and is now to include QR codes on the interpretation boards which will give a lot of P.G. history.

Another Spacehive project is planned for the Boathouse car park to provide seats, shrubs and access for wheel chairs and prams.

A third project is planned for the far end of the Boathouse car park which is currently overgrown and inaccessible to open it up, provide a viewing platform and disabled access.

The monthly litter picks continue but the marsh still cannot be picked because of the undergrowth on the marsh and the large items brought up by the high tide.

5. Library Garden – Roisin Prendergast

Sandra Evans, Library team leader, is taking over the organisation of the garden project and plans to contact Gordale for plants.

The tap on the outside wall has now been connected and outdoor storage for tools is planned.

It is still hoped that a Fiends of the Garden Group can be formed.

The local primary schools are willing to help with the Incredible Edible bed.

6. Mozaic Repair

Helen Neal is still waiting for contact with the artist so it has not begun yet.

7. Empty shops

The old florist on the High st.. Lily Pad.

Pasley Grey has closed but a buyer is being sought as a going concern.

There are movements in the Elephant Deli on the Cross and the flat above is now occupied.

Quesra on Parkgate Road has closed but it is now House of Fabulous.

Traceys the butcher on Brook St. has now closed.

The Lode Star pub is still on going. There are problems inside causing delays.

Gittins Wharehouse has been demolished and the site now has plans for 6 flats.

Bradshaws has opened its new larger premises on Golden Lion Yard.

The Hairdressers on the start of Liverpool Road is due to be opened shortly.

8. Little Neston Green

Has been planted by CWAC and looks good.

The News Agent is due to open soon and share the premises with a barber.

The old betting shop has got planning permission for a fast food outlet on Appeal.

9. A Jubilee Tree was planted at Neston High School.

The planned fruit trees in Stanney Field park has been abandoned because they will need too much care and no group to take them on.

10 Public flowerbeds

The Fairtrade Group has planted the circular bed at the bottom of Chester Road.

The other beds need weeding.

AOB – None

Next meeting will be in February 2023