

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE NESTON LOOKING BETTER

Notes from NLB meeting No.5

Held in Neston Town Hall on Thursday July 21st at 11am.

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

In Attendance:- Helen Neal (CWaC)

Apologies:- Rose McMahon

1. Neston Report – Janet Griffiths

All the town flowerbeds have suffered with lack of water. Park St. circular bed has been planted up by Cwac as a Jubilee bed. The Fairtrade bed has been cleared of the dead pansies and will be planted up by the group soon. Louise Gittins has offered to some of her allowance towards new plants. The Ladies Walk bed has been weeded and extra petunia plants added.

Complaints have been received about the state of the pavements beneath the Liverpool Road railway bridge due to pigeons and a break in the under netting. Cllr Keith Millar has been informed.

The stables and outbuildings at Vine House Parkgate Rd. are to be repaired and renovated.

Paisley Grey now operates solely as a café.

The Elephant Deli is still under construction.

The Summer Fair on July 2nd on Comrades Field was a great success and blessed with a fine day.

The PDQ planted hanging baskets round the town are looking especially colourful this year.

2. West Vale Report – Rose McMahon

Trees on the park. One tree has sadly died at the root and had to be removed. All the other nine trees are doing well.

Fun Day: Preparations are well under way for the event on Sunday July 31st.

An advert is on the Aboutmyarea site and Neston.org.

The flyers have arrived and will be put out in the library and shops etc.

All the usual activities are booked – the climbing wall, circus skills and small animals.

3. Ness Report – Michelle Johnson

The Ness Conservation area map is on hold because person completing it took his lap top on holiday and an accident caused it to be seriously damaged. He is currently trying to retrieve it.

The request from residents for speed control measures is underway at CWaC. It will be a chicane system on Neston Road.

4 Parkgate Report – David Johnson

The monthly Litter Picks continue with 15 -20 volunteers. They now have problems with litter on the marshes where the depth and height of the weeds makes it impossible to retrieve the litter. Cllr Martin Barker is aware of this. The boat on the middle slip has been replanted. All the planters have now been replanted and paid for by the Parkgate Society. The garden area at the end of the Rope Walk has been weeded and replanted with the help of the Parkgate Society.

The Jubilee event on the Parade was a great success.

New ponds at the Boathouse end of the marsh are due to be dug out – hopefully in August.

The group is delighted that the Space Hive campaign has reached the required amount of £7500 for the new information boards. These will be at the Old Quay, S. Parade, the Rope Walk garden, Middle Slip, Boathouse Slip on the Parade and the old Baths.

D. J. thanked Helen Neal for the provision of litter pickers.

5. Library Garden – Helen Neal

There will be a Space Hive information Session in the Library on Tuesday August 2nd from 2 – 4pm. All groups invited to find out how the system works. H.N. has an amazing design by the CWaC garden architect but the council feel it is too expensive and so a scaled down version will be undertaken in more manageable sections. H.N. was asked to get the bid in to CWaC by October but this is too short a time limit to complete. It was proposed by the group that the Friends of the Library be set up and they could then apply to Space Hive for the funds needed. H.N. has already cleared some of the paving and replanted some of the sensory garden. H.N. wants to get the local groups in as soon as possible and get started. MJ suggested contacting Dovecote Nurseries Burton which is closing down at the end of August and has a plant sale on. Helen plans an Incredible Edible bed and a lot more colour in the garden. Unfortunately the tap which is now installed on the library outer wall has yet to be connected to the water.

Plans for the Mosaic are to be done in October. The Neston Civic Society has given a cheque for £650 which was the last amount required to complete. JG and MJ. Requested that the outer concrete surround of the mosaic be improved visually. It was decided that a large plaque explaining the mosaic for visitors is needed and could be fixed to the front of the brickwork and improve the appearance.

6. Empty Shops

The Lily Pad on the High St. and Evans shoe shop, Quesra on Parkgate Rd. and Treasure Hunters and Hawk on Brook St..

The Lode Star has been renovated in appearance and is now under offer with a varied licence application.

7. Little Neston Green

CWaC has planted up the central bed and it looks much improved. P.K suggested we need to form a Friends Group. The wild flower planting in one of the grassed areas is looking good.

It was suggested that it would be beneficial to engage with For Housing to see if improvements could be made the flower beds outside their properties.

8. The Jubilee Planting

Proposal for fruit trees to be planted in the area behind the children's climbing frame – resident concerns have been raised which will need to be taken into consideration.

9. Public Flower beds

A weeding group is planned for next week in Park St.

10. Litter Pick.

A litter pick for the Clayhill business Park is planned in the near future.

11. AOB

DJ expressed concern about the condition/appearance of the Sainsbury's store, especially the recurring leaks and resulting water damage.

Next Meeting will be in arrange in October