

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE NESTON LOOKING BETTER

Notes from the NLB meeting held on Thursday June 27th 2024 in Neston Town Hall.

Present :- Cllr Janet Griffiths, Cllr Brenda Marple, Cllr Pat Kynaston and Liz Luxford.

In Attendance Helen Neal (CWAC Officer)

Apologies:- Martin Barker, Tracey Hardcastle, Michelle Johnson

1. Neston Report – Janet Griffiths

The Litter Pick on the Clayhill in March filled about 20 bags and a number of large items.

The scaffolding on the block of flats next to the market square has now been removed and the weeding group has been able to clear the weeds and cut back the roses.

There Church Lane development has been delayed.

The Easter Market was a great success and a large number of children enjoyed filling in the market trail quiz and winning a set of coloured crayons and colouring books. Well done Nicky for organising it.

The Fair Trade flower bed on Chester Road has been replanted and is looking very good. Mowing the grass around the bed is difficult and still full of bits of concrete. The damaged wall at the end of the plot was reported to Keith Millar (CWAC Councillor) and is awaiting repair. Thanks to Bates for allowing the mower to be plugged in to their electricity.

The Summer Fair is to be held on Comrades Field on July 6th and the Summer Market with a pirate theme will be held on July 26th.

2. West Vale Report – Liz Luxford

The zip wire is still waiting to be installed, hopefully in 6 weeks or so. It is wanted for the Fun Day especially. The Fun Day is to be held on August 4th. A large sum of money has been donated for more park equipment. The committee are considering suggestions.

3. Parkgate Report – Brenda Marple

The two latest high tides have brought up lots of debris - bits of boats and logs. The litter picking group is still going strong each month and well supported. There has been a lot of flooding in the old baths car park with the very heavy rain. The new viewing area is being well used. The RSPB can now put up their stand. There have been problems with the car park surface. There have been parking problems because of the potholes. One of the information boards keeps coming off (maybe wind or vandalism) The Parkgate society will fix it again.

The sea wall has problems with very large weeds. CWAC have sprayed with weed killer.

The Old Quay has been refurbished and looks good.

Moskitos has been bought by a new business and will be called 'Goose'. The Boathouse is to refurbish the conservatory and open up the upstairs again. There is still no decision on the Parkgate Nurseries. Filming took place using the Nichols shop and the road was closed for a period.

4. Ness Report

Still planning to get the memorial and information boards for the miners. Ness Neighbours is still going strong in the village hall. It is very well attended. There is no news on the Wheatsheaf which is still boarded up.

5. Little Neston

The Marshlands field is currently overgrown. The Town Council has expressed an interest in having more allotments as part of any development of this area.

It was commented that Little Neston would benefit from a more cohesive centre.

5. Library Garden - Helen Neal

The grass is overgrown and CWAC have not so far been able to provide the resources to cut it. It was suggested that a working party might be needed to tend to this area.

7. The Mosaic – Helen Neal

Helen contacted a contractor to assess and provide a quote.

8. High Street

New shop – King Vape in the old Hair Attitude. A smaller shop sign has been requested.

The Lilypad remains empty and Evoke which was using the old Elephant café has now moved to Chester.

9. Flower beds – CWAC no longer planting any beds except Park Street. The volunteer group continue weeding the other beds. The flower bed in West Vale has not been planted.

10. Clayhill – The areas owned by CWAC are experiencing drainage issues (drains may need clearing). There have been large areas flooded.

The increase in the number of fitness units has increased the number of vehicles in the area with a resulted impact on parking. Large vehicles have been experiencing stopping to make deliveries or collect refuse, especially on Buildwas Road.

11. Environmental Improvements Corridor

This is the responsibility of CWAC Highways.

A Friends group is being set up to help care for the Neston & Parkgate section of the Wirral Way. A number of residents have already volunteered to join.

The hanging baskets in the town and planting under the welcome to Neston Sings paid for by TC have looked really good this year. A number of comments have been made to councillors about the lovely hanging baskets.

12. Clean up sessions

There have been a number of cleanup sessions during Big Green Week and later. Upper Raby Road and cemetery and for housing area, the Clayhill estate and the Ringway were cleared by volunteers.