

PLACES COMMITTEE NESTON LOOKING BETTER

NOTES FROM THE NLB MEETING 20

Held in the Town Hall on Wednesday January 16th 2019 at 11am.

Present – Cllr J Griffiths, David Johnson, Eileen Slack, Rose McMahon, Robina Hetherington.

Also in Attendance - Andy James (CWAC)

Apologies – Cllr C Warner, Cllr P Kynaston, Dale Jones (CWAC)

1. Mersey Forest – Drake Road

The 2 dead birch trees either end of Drake Road are still awaiting replacement. JG to check with Audrey to find if a date has been set.

2. Parkgate Report – David Johnson

Monthly litter picks are continuing.

Overgrown shrubs and weeds have been cut back along the Old Baths Road.

The damaged bench near the Old Quay has had the securing bolts removed.

It has been reported to CWAC before vandals remove it.

The woodwork of the benches on the Donkey Stand are looking in need of some care. Andy James will report it back to the office.

3. West Vale Report – Rose McMahon

The donated hyacinth bulbs are coming up already. Many of the daffodils in other areas are also coming up.

RM is to apply to Ness Gardens for 2 trees to replace the damaged ones. RM will co-ordinate with Andy when they are ready to be planted.

4. Ness Village Hall Group – Robina Hetherington

Permission and position for the planting of the donated Emma Oak has been given by CWAC. The tree supplier has asked that the planting be postponed until the end of November because recent summers have been so dry.

About 1000 donated bulbs have been planted. A new flower bed near the entrance has been created. The repair and building of the sandstone wall is ongoing.

5. Empty Shops – the only sites are Barclays bank, Rigby's barbers, Jacksons Tower and the Lode Star pub.

New shops opening – Bathroom and Kitchen suppliers at the Cross, the community café "the Real Food Kitchen" Parkgate Road and My Gift Pace has changed to Paisley Grey and opened a café up stairs. Domino Pizza has opened in the old HSBC site.

6. Tanks Field – Andy James

The extensive work on the lower brook area by Welsh Water is greatly improved and a surfaced footpath to the lower field constructed. Abug hotel has been installed in the lower field and wild flowers planted. It is hoped that

a Friends Group is about to be started. There was a good attendance at the first meeting. CWAC often used EPNAVCO to advise new community groups but it has been closed down. It is hoped that the Cheshire Voluntary Action Group will take over the area and advise the new group.

7. Sytch Croft Park – is now completed and officially opened. It is a great improvement and already well used.

The offer of a young Ginkgo Biloba which we hoped could be planted in Sytch Croft Park has been passed on to Calvin Stockton (CWAC). Andy James will check with Calvin.

8. Benches – Neston Civic Society have 2 new benches on order to replace the decrepit benches at the top of Alans Meadow and bottom of Bull Hill

9. Planting – R M commented that the planting on the corner of West Vale and Henley Rd. is much improved. The other planted areas have been well received.

AOB

Andy James reported that the VIVO group are planning to get involved with gardening and woodland care in the lower Dell in Stanney Fields park. The redundant cycle store near the basket ball court may be used to store garden tools for volunteers.

D J asked A J if CWAC could be asked to cut back the overgrown hedging on the Station Rd. side which is encroaching on to the pavement.

Next meeting 11am on March 13th in the Town Hall.