

## **PLACES COMMITTEE NESTON LOOKING BETTER**

### **NOTES FROM THE NLB MEETING 19**

Held in the Town Hall on Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 at 11am

Present – Cllr Janet Griffiths, Cllr Pat Kynaston, Eileen Slack, Rose McMahon, David Johnson.

Apologies – Cllr C Warner, Lynn Bennoch, Robina Hetherington and Dale Jones(CWAC)

1. Mersey Forest The trees to be replaced on Drake Road have not yet been planted.

Parkgate Report. – David Johnson One of the new benches outside the Old Quay was recently damaged by a car reversing into it. This has now been repaired. The litter picks continue monthly.

3 new planters have been delivered and installed. One on Station Road near the junction with Manorial Road, alongside the sand stone wall at the cricket club. Two others along the frontage of Mostyn House

Marsh Nurseries who have supplied the shrubs and plants etc. for the Parkgate planters and boat, is sadly closing at the end of December.

Community Pride competition – Parkgate came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 5 entrants in their category. We were very disappointed with the judges scoring and adverse comments about Parkgate. Particularly criticism regarding the weeds in Mostyn Square car park were understandable but considering that new planters and boat, all installed since the last competition, and all the planting that has taken place to score less than previously was disheartening.

David is going to consider querying some of the judging re litter.

3. West Vale Report – Rose McMahon West Vale Park group had their AGM. An application for a grant from NTC for the next Fun Day has been awarded. There has been more bulb planting of daffodils and the donated hyacinths were planted in the corner of the park. The expected tree planting to replace the damaged trees has not been done by CWaC yet.

The new contractor has planted and pruned the area on the corner of West Vale and Hamilton Road.

The lower part of Tanks Field was upgraded and improved so there was no need for volunteers on Big Dee Day.

The bench which appeared without notice has now been removed because of strong objections by a local householder.

4. Ness Village Hall Group - Pat Kynaston

Approval by CWaC for the planting of the 'Emma' oak has been given. The final position is being decided.

The 1805 group who are donating the oak want to make an event of it coming up for a visit. The group would also like a bench with plaque to go with the tree but there is no indication of who will pay for it.

5. Empty Shops - The old HSBC building is currently being prepared for Domino Pizza. The Reeds Rain shop is to become a bathroom and kitchen shop. The Greenland Fisheries has an application in for new signage. The community café on Parkgate road is now open.

6. Tanks Field – No report

7. – Benches. The new commemorative bench for WW1 has been installed on the Green in Little Neston

8. Sytch Croft Park – Has now been upgraded and the opening ceremony will be on November 29<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that a Friends of the park will be set up and could join our group.

9. New Planting Contractor – took over at the end of October and the new scheme has been well received and planted areas are looking good.

10. Community Pride Awards. Neston and Little Neston were very happy to receive the Runners Up award.

AOB The offers of donated trees for West Vale Park by Ness Gardens and a local resident, who would like to donate a young Ginkgo Biloba, have still not been actioned.

**Next Meeting Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am**