

Mayors Report: July 2023

Invitations:

None

Other issues related to Norton:

Wall repairs/maintenance adjacent to St Nicholas Street access road:

NYC are still intending to repair this wall, but are concerned about the planting in the flower bed that forms part of the wall. Shrubs etc. have become very overgrown, but in our view have not led to the damage to the wall, which hasn't been repaired for many years and has more likely be caused by vehicles parking too close to it and general wear and tear.

We have reached an agreement with Next Steps that their members will work with us to remove/prune some of the larger shrubs, then tidy and maintain the flower bed going forward. The Assistant Clerk to negotiate with Next Steps over this work and any financial contribution that the council may need to make towards the plants etc. and will report back to a future meeting asap.

Hedge at access to St Nicholas Street carpark:

NYC has agreed to fund Norton town council to maintain this hedge going forward. As reported at an earlier meeting it has been poorly maintained by them and they have already had to replace numerous bushes that died over the past couple of months. They have however planted some prickly bushes at my request adjacent to the EV charging points to prevent a muddy cut through being created by members of the public not using the main entrance into the carpark.

The Assistant Clerk & Malcolm have looked at the hedge and Claire is going to negotiate over a quote for this work to propose to NYC. To be decided by the council if this work should be carried out by Malcolm or an external contractor, depending on the level of work required.

Grants:

Due to recent events the closing date when we will accept applications for grants is to be extended to September 30th. This will be updated on our website and a media story sent to the Gazette & Herald.

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19 August 2023