

# NORTON-ON-DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL

## Clerks Report May 2024

Agenda Item 13



The works being carried out by North Yorkshire Council on the wall near the Tyke 2000 Garage is now complete. I am sure if you have seen this you will agree it is a huge improvement. As there is no longer funding for any maintenance of the shrubbery these works were agreed to be taken on by Norton Town Council. Some initial works will be carried out to make the shrubs more manageable by Norton Town Council staff members and then Next Steps will hopefully continue to maintain this area on behalf of the Council.

I have met with NYC cameras in action regarding the camera to be installed near the Public conveniences. After an onsite assessment of what is possible they will now provide another quote for the actual works required. This will be brought back to Council if the cost is higher than the previous estimate. A tree will currently distract the cameras vision from the proposed site so a request for a quote from Bayes Tree Services is in hand, this also will be brought back to Council for approval. Also I have reached out to the land owner for permission for the felling of the tree. I am currently waiting to get an update from NYC regarding the toilets and the action that Norton Council has taken to support the reopening of the toilets.

The gate that was recently repaired in King Georges was vandalised again over the bank holiday weekend. I am currently investigating if another repair is possible or if the Council will be required to replace it entirely. This has been reported to the Police and I am confident that CCTV that covers this area will hopefully lead to criminal charges being brought. This is in the hands of the Police and I will report back the outcome of their investigations.

A big thankyou to Streetscene who have loaned the Council a Graffiti kit to help remove many of the unwanted graffiti we currently have around the town.

Many residents have had various issues with inconsiderate parking around the town. All these issues have been reported on the portals and to the Police where relevant.

Plants for Norton in Bloom arrive this week and should be planted over the coming week, weather permitting. Some of the kind residents that watered the planters on the outskirts of the town are no longer able to water this year. We are currently trying to find other volunteers. The hanging baskets will arrive later in the month from the contractors.

The new Landlords of the Derwent Arms purchased a bench for the bus stop on Church Street. This was after they found an elderly lady leaning on the wall for support. I am currently in the process of applying for a retrospective street licence for the bench to remain in place.

I would also like to thank Cllr Farndale who managed to receive our official portrait of His Majesty King Charles III

These are provided from the Government for public buildings and similar locations where staff and visitors are able to view and appreciate. I was unaware these were available so I am delighted that Cllr Farndale was able to peruse this and receive it on behalf of Norton Town Council. Thank you.

Tim Hicks will be attending the next town council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June as I will be on leave.

Claire Eade

Town Clerk.