

NORTON-ON-DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL



Clerks Report June 2024

Agenda Item 9

Much work has happened to gain access to the CCTV at Bright Steels so thanks to all involved in making this happen. Although it was reported as an act of vandalism, after the police viewed the footage at the specified dates it would seem the gate simply dislodged while two girls were leaving the park. A gentleman then moved the gate to the side making the area safer. I suspect the gate must have been tampered with sometime before this as they simply do not just drop off. The gate is now being stored and I am waiting for what the annual safety report deems the missing gate as. We will act as per the reports advice and I will bring back to Council for any actions required.

Meanwhile, at King Georges Field, the Football Changing rooms have been broken into three times over a period of 2-3 days. Youths broke in with a crow bar, the building was then secured, then entered again the same day! More work was done to secure the building but was broken into yet again. The youths removed the chairs from the changing rooms. The chairs were then moved to various positions in the play area, one was thrown into the basketball netting and left dangling dangerously for other users. This was dealt with by council staff immediately. I continue to work with the police and have requested an active presence in this area from officers. Officers have attended the park and spoken too many individuals possibly involved and given warnings.

Again in King Georges the safety stopper on the seesaw had been removed. Luckily, Malcolm walked around the area and found they had been dumped in Bright Steels Car Park. He has now reattached them with extra bonding adhesive.

All the hanging baskets are now up in the town and are looking really nice. Malcolm has been really busy refilling the planters across the town with new compost and planting up.

Sadly the planter outside The Academy on Commercial has been subjected to plants being stolen. Nine plants have been replaced on three occasions. Also the planter nearest the pet shop has been subjected to stolen plants and replacements required. Again, the planter outside Tesco Express more plants stolen and replaced. As we no longer have any more plants and the council's budget has been spent as planned, they will remain bare if anymore are taken. I suggest a press release.

Planters on the County Bridge and Station Bridge have been subject to a slight mix up regarding numbers on each. This will be rectified by the contractors in the coming week, if not already.

As approved in March the Training Day in April I was due to attend was cancelled. Another day in July has been rescheduled with the same itinerary as previously planned. All the costs (£70) per delegate remain the same.

