

NORTON-ON-DERWENT TOWN COUNCIL



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Having had a break I came back to various emails and issues.

Again the town has suffered from acts of vandalism. King George's safety surface was targeted twice but repairs have been made again by the Council's staff. Increasing hours of work and cost for materials. This was reported to the Police and action is being taken.



Planters also continue to be vandalised around the town. In the week I was away plants were taken/damaged outside the swimming pool, outside the Pet shop on Commercial Street, Wood Street and outside Tesco's Express, again!

Also the beautiful holly trees that sit in the centres of the planters along Commercial Street, one of these was snapped out. This will be a more costly replacement and not something that can be replaced during this growing season. The planter will need to be cleared out entirely and a replacement tree put in during the dormancy period. Geraniums have been planted in as a centre piece for the summer making the planter look nice again. This again has been reported to the Police as there should be CCTV footage. Again action is being taken.

Following the Flooding meeting the Council held all the relevant bodies will begin their first community engagement day on 30th July in the Council Chamber. The Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, North Yorkshire Highways and North Yorkshire Flood Management will all be

available from 9am till 2pm for Councillors and members of the public to speak too. A newsletter should be going out prior to this.

A Skatepark Park event will be taking place again this year on 27th July 2024. This promises to be a big event attracting many residents and also people from other towns.

Two more pieces of Skatelite have been replaced at the park following signs of damage. Skatelite are investigating the damage and will report back as they may have been faulty.

The tree has been felled on Church Street and the Sheep planters have been delivered from Acorn Community Care. Works have begun and already the area is looking better. Installation of the artworks should be this week (w/c 15th July) Also confirmation of the installation of the CCTV cameras has been confirmed and should take place on Thursday 18th July. I am now working with North Yorkshire Council for the re-opening of the toilets. Hopefully we can get some press coverage regarding the re-opening of the toilets, the artworks and that CCTV is in place.

Emergency Tree works have been carried out on King Georges and behind the Hyde Park Pub. This was due to reports from residents regarding branches hitting the telephone cables. The tree in King Georges will need to be crowned at a later date but the emergency works should cost between £270 and £300. Bayes Tree Services carried out the works.

Malcolm and Andrew have tidied up the foliage at the entrance of St Nicholas Street Car Park. I have received many complaints from residents regarding hedging in various places around the town. All have been dealt with either by Council staff or reported to relevant authority to deal with.

Following the resignation of Cllr Ian Conlan we are now waiting to hear from North Yorkshire regarding an election or that the council can co-opt. Confirmation should be received by week ending 22nd July 2024.

I wish to thank Cllr Ian Conlan for his role at Norton Town Council and wish him all the best as he continues to be the Mayor of Malton Town Council.

I will keep members updated on the outcome from North Yorkshire Council and act accordingly. Please refer to Staffing & Policy Committee Meeting Minutes for more information.

I will be attending a training day at Drax, Selby on Thursday 18th July 2024.

I also attended with North Yorkshire Council colleagues and Malton Town Clerk an alcohol awareness engagement day around Norton and Malton. This proved to be interesting and good to meet various business owners around the towns.

Claire Eade

Town Clerk