



NORTHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL

Environmental Services Committee Meeting – 6th September 2021

To: Members of the Environmental Services Committee:

Councillors Joyce (Chair), Kilbride (Deputy Chair), Alwahabi, Ashraf, Choudary, Hallam, Haque, Meredith, Miah, Soan, Stevens and Tarasiewicz

Distributed electronically to all other councillors for information

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Environmental Services Committee of Northampton Town Council to be held via the Zoom Video Conferencing platform on 6th September 2021 at 18.00

The meeting will be streamed live via the Town Council's YouTube channel

Public participation is in accordance with the Town Council's public participation policy. Members of the public will need to contact the Town Clerk in advance if they wish to participate

**Stuart Carter
Interim Town Clerk
1st September 2021**

**Guildhall
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A G E N D A

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the last meeting held 16th -June 2021**
(not attached sent out with Council agenda for 19th July)
- 4. Northampton in Bloom Update**
Report attached (pages 3 – 5)
- 5. Covid Memorial – Arbour of Trees at Becketts Park**
Update from Cllr Birch attached (pages 7 – 8)
- 6. Town Council Litter Update**
Report attached (page 9)
- 7. Allotments and Closed Churchyards**
Verbal update to be given

8. Northampton Task Force

Verbal report to be given

Northampton Town Council

Environmental Services Committee

Northampton in Bloom

Report by Julie Thorneycroft – Administration Officer

Purpose of report: To update the committee on the current position with regards to the Northampton in Bloom project

Recommended: (i) That subject to any comments, the committee note the report
(ii) That members begin to consider proposals for next years scheme

Through the Idverde Grounds Maintenance contract approximately 170 hanging baskets and 130 barrier baskets have been provided and maintained across Northampton town centre throughout summer 2021.

At the Northampton Town Council Executive Committee on 12th April 2021 an allocated enhancement budget of £30,000 (£20,000 for new planters, hanging baskets etc. and £10,000 for installation costs and watering) was approved. Following this agreement, the locations listed below were identified as suitable places to increase the Northampton in Bloom scheme. Permissions and consents were obtained from the relevant bodies and additional floral planters were placed in the following wards:

BOOTHVILLE WARD

12 lamp post baskets on the approach roads to Lumbertubs Roundabout - Moulton Way, Kettering Road, Booth Rise and Lumbertubs Lane.

BROOKSIDE WARD

4 barrier baskets at Penistone Road near Billing Brook Road
14 barrier baskets at Billing Brook Road near Brookside Community Hub and shops
12 barrier baskets at Billing Brook road bridge adjacent to the Lake opposite Retford Court
8 lamp post baskets at Lings Way and Goldings Junction.

BOOTHVILLE WARD and TALAVERA WARD

16 lamp post basket at the Southfields Roundabout - Lings Way and Talavera Way approaches.
The garden surrounding the Southfields entrance sign has been planted and maintained.

TRINITY WARD

12 barrier baskets installed at Kingsley Road opposite The White Elephant Pub and adjacent to the Racecourse
A large tiered planter was placed at Kingsley Road opposite the White Elephant Pub adjacent to the Racecourse

KINGSLEY WARD and PHIPPSVILLE WARD

12 barrier baskets were installed at St Matthews Parade, Kingsley

CASTLE WARD

18 lamp posts baskets located at Campbell Street and Barrack Road Junction

SEMILONG WARD

1 large tiered planter at the entrance to the Racecourse on Barrack Road

Installation of 2 hanging baskets and heavy duty brackets at Alliston Gardens Youth & Community Centre

ST JAMES WARD

2 large tiered floral planters within the shopping area at St James Road

3 large floral planters along the verge at Weedon Road

1 large planter installed in Althorp Road, off Weedon Road

CASTLE WARD

55 hanging baskets were installed along the Wellingborough Road

7 large stone planters in Abington Street planted and maintained

The gardens around the Cobblers Last Statue in Abington Street planted and maintained

SPENCER WARD

5 large planters around the Tintern Avenue/Gladstone Road junction have been planted and maintained.

The Northampton in Bloom scheme commenced in early June and will finish when de-rig of the floral containers takes place in mid –September. Overall the Bloom project allows 15 weeks of additional colour in the town and surrounding areas and provides a welcoming aspect for visitors and residents.

Unfortunately, this year it hasn't been possible to hold a Bloom Presentation and Awards Ceremony as many of the usual "It's your Neighbourhood" community groups have been unable to meet and work together in the usual way. It is hoped to resume the ceremony next year and encourage local businesses, residents and schools to take part.

Cllrs Joyce, Birch, Stevens and Meredith have volunteered to sit on a Northampton in Bloom Working Group alongside the Administration Officer, Julie Thorneycroft. The first meeting will be held in September. The Budget for Northampton in Bloom 2022 will need to be confirmed as soon as possible to ensure floral orders can be made on time to allow seedling growth for next year.

All Councillors are invited to share their thoughts regarding the introduction of Bloom in their ward for next year. Some things to take into consideration are as follows:

- likelihood of obtaining permission from the highways department – vicinity of nearby road junctions, will the planter obstruct any pavements or drivers view?
- ease of watering
- visibility
- how busy/what footfall is there in different locations
- height of floral containers – will people notice them?
- are the planters likely to get damaged or stolen?

Northampton in Bloom 2021 has been a very successful project which has been delivered on time and to budget.

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NORTHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL - COVID MEMORIAL PROJECT

At a meeting of the shadow Town Council executive it was recommended that the Town Council would investigate a memorial to the residents of the town who were affected in many ways and lost loved ones as a result of the pandemic.

This has now been picked up by the community services and environmental services committees.

It was agreed there should be special reference to all the staff at Northampton General Hospital, for their dedication and care for residents during the pandemic and the professionalism shown by all staff under the most trying of circumstances.

Several suggestions were put forward, an arbour of trees with seating, a multi faith service, a book of remembrance.

The community and environmental services committees agreed to investigate the installation of trees and seating. The suggested site was Becketts Park, being the town park and near the hospital. This would be a lasting tribute to all who had worked so hard, those who had been gravely ill and those who had sadly died.

The chair and deputy chairs of the community and environmental services committees met with Buddies of Becketts on Thursday 29th July at Becketts Park.

Present : BOB- Nick Stevens, Mick Young. Community services – Cllrs Jane Birch, Keith Holland-Delamere. Environmental services – Cllrs Paul Joyce, Mike Hallam.

BOB led a walk around the site. Areas used for community events were identified and to be avoided. An area near the playground was agreed suitable, away from the road noise, a flat site, within easy reach of the hospital, with views towards the river and across the park. **See map.**

A design to include suitable trees and seating was agreed and there was an ambition to make a significant contribution to complement the existing public art in the park.

Actions:

- To contact WNC to seek agreement in principle.
- To contact the Woodland Trust to discuss suitable trees.
- Talk to the University to see if Spatial Design students could work on designs.
- To speak to the hospital charity office about consulting the staff.
- Investigate Arts Council funding if scheme included sculpture/structure.
- To arrange further meetings once information from points above is obtained.

Jane Birch 4.8.21

Maps showing area and detail of site



View of proposed site



Looking towards the river from the proposed site



Looking towards the river with the proposed site

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Town Council Litter Update

Report by Julie Thorneycroft – Administration Officer

Purpose of report: To update the committee with regards to the partnership working during the Summer Clean Up Campaign.

Recommended: (i) That subject to any comments, the committee note the report

Purpose of Report: To update Members with regard to partnership working during the Summer Clean Up Campaign.

Throughout the week commencing 23rd August a week of action to tidy up streets and unsightly areas took place across the town. Partners from Northampton Town Centre Business Improvement District (BID), West Northamptonshire Council, Northants Litter Wombles joined together to have a concerted effort against the ongoing problem of litter.

As part of the campaign the following events took place:

Saturday 21st August – Northants Litter Wombles organised a History Walk which was attended by the Mayor

Saturday 31st July - Cllr Stevens held a litter pick in the Headlands, Eastfield & Phippsville area, the pick was attended by Cllrs Turon, Miah and Joyce, members of the Northants Litter Wombles and the Mayor also attended.

Monday 23rd August - a tidy day was organised by Northampton Town Centre BID, the event was supported by the Northants Litter Wombles, the Mayor, NTC, WNC and local businesses. On the day approximately 50 volunteers collected more than 100 bags of rubbish from known litter spots around the town centre.

Wednesday 25th August – The Rectory Farm litter pick organised by Cllr Holland-Delamere took place at 10am.

Wednesday 25th August – The Trinity litter pick organised by Cllr Birch took place at 2pm.

As part of the tidy campaign all Councillors have been encouraged to hold litter picks in their individual wards.

Stuart Carter is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Environmental Services

Time: Sep 6, 2021 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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