

Town Managers Report

Welcome to Cllr Lara Towell

Syston Town Council welcomes our new co-opted Councillor, Lara Towell. She has already met with myself and Cllr Paul Henry for her induction and is currently considering which Committees she wishes to be a member of.

New Inclusive Play Ground at Winfield Park

After suffering some ground sink around the inclusive roundabout, resulting in a trip hazard and a reduction in ease of access for wheelchair users. The ground sink has been uplifted. S106 monies of £29 034 has been received which is 75% of the £39 163 cost. This is the maximum amount payable for playground replacement.

Leaning Wall at Memorial Park

The people responsible for the rebuilding of the wall have agreed to replace it with a fence to the same height as the wall.

MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)

I am now in receipt of the public consultation documents as well as a petition against the siting of the MUGA at Memorial Park. The petition contains 322 signatures, 92 (28%) were in the immediate locality of the park, the rest (72%) were living in areas of Syston that would not be effected, including several petitioners that do not live in Syston.

Syston Regeneration Project

Update at Full Council. The Stakeholder meeting is planned for Wednesday, 18 April from 6pm. Town Councillor attendance would be appreciated and welcomed.

Environment and Sustainability

The LED lighting upgrade in the Community Centre is almost complete. The lights are much brighter and longer lasting than traditional lighting. Sensor lights in the toilets are also installed, this is particular useful for room hire at the weekend when lights are more likely to be left on. This work has been partially funded by the utilisation of a Shire Community Climate Change Grant from Leicestershire County Council.

LED lighting uses a fraction of the energy of an incandescent light bulb resulting in a dramatic decrease in power costs. The long lifespan of LEDs provides savings in maintenance and replacement bulb costs.

Community Emergency Response Plan

I am just waiting for confirmation of additional emergency buildings before the plan goes live.

CCTV Coverage

Currently waiting for BT confirmation of connections, once confirmed, installation can take place. CBC Officer, John Hadfield is liaising with BT.

Panels

New Cemetery

Currently arranging an update meeting with Project Manager to finalise the tender documents. Two quotations for wrought iron gates have been obtained (by Cllr D Pepper).

£6313 of S106 monies has been received to cover the full cost of the Feasibility Study carried out by Perfect Circle.

Tree Panel

Quotations for all non-essential works are being obtained, it is anticipated that all works will be achieved within budget.

Pavilion Panel

The drain scan survey has been provided. I have held discussions with Syston Town Juniors (to date) on the possibility of leasing or setting up a Community Trust group for the Pavilion. Talks so far are favourable. I am also arranging to meet representatives from two other groups that successfully run Community Trust groups.

Christmas Event 2018

The Panel are currently discussing the viability of holding this on Melton Road on Sunday, 2 December for a shorter duration and with a road closure from the mini roundabout up to just before Tesco car park. No side roads will have to be closed.

World War I End Centenary

The next meeting is to be held between myself, Syston History Society representative and RBL representative. I have sent out suggested dates for the next meeting.

Memorial Procession 2018

I am meeting with Jackie Cross of LCC to assess the feasibility of extending the procession up to St Peter and St Paul Church.

East Midlands in Bloom

I am attending a workshop this month with Senior Groundsman, David Smith and Chairman, Paul Henry, hosted by East Midlands in Bloom. This is to obtain guidance and information on the themes for this years competition.

SOS Charity Fashion Show

Following last year's big success, another SOS Fashion Show at STC is planned for 4 May 2018. Any volunteers to help on the night, either models, clothing assistants or kitchen assistants are needed. Contact the office if you would like to be involved.

Diary Dates

- 3 March 2018; 10-11am Councillors Surgery at Syston Community Centre
- 15-18 March 2018; Pinders Circus at Central Park
- 7 April 2018; 10-11am Councillors Surgery at Syston Community Centre
- 20 April 2018; Syston Town Council Civic Reception

- 4 May 2018; Syston Town Council hosts SOS Charity Catwalk and Fashion Show
- 19 May 2018; Funtopia Day at Central Park
- 2 June 2018; Food and Drink Festival at Central Park
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