

District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris Report for April 2024

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Cabinet Mar 26

- The Council has closed their previous loan Scheme to local companies introduced in 2012. Loans of >£1m have been distributed with most of the capital and interest received back but there have been £100,000 defaults, now written off.
- The Jubilee Bridge over the canalised Trent in Newark requires refurbishment. The bridge was not adopted by NCC and is, therefore, not a footpath. The cost will be over £333.000 and a decision to refloor the bridge was deferred
- Empty for two years, a vacant shop in Newark Market Place owned by N&SDC is to be refurbished and relet with a 2.11% return and payback in 52 years.
- There will be a formal consultation on whether public speaking at Planning Committee should be introduced - with a maximum of 1 supporter and 1 opponent allowed to speak whilst retaining the Town or Parish Council and Ward Cllr representation to be made too
- Ollerton and Clipstone: money from the Government will be used to purchase empty commercial buildings to bring them back into use and develop a 'transport hub' in Ollerton. A new Sports Facility could be developed along with the Miners Welfare Trust
- CCTV monitoring will be brought back into Castle House from the monitoring currently done elsewhere
- Peter is following up individual planning issues on Halloughton Road and Landseer Close and at The Vineries

Planning Committee Mar 4

- An N&SDC proposal at Kings Court for the conversion of the 4 bed flat to two single bed flats and making three new parking spaces was approved
- Government proposes to have an Accelerated Planning Service (APS) initially applying to applications for major commercial development which create 1,000 sqm or more of new or additional employment floorspace. For Newark and Sherwood, this relates to an average of 40 applications per annum. There would be penalties if timescales are not adhered to
- The appeal for the refusal for a 3 double garage at Woodside Cottage, Newark Road, Hockerton, has been dismissed

Audit and Governance Committee next meeting Apr 24

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