

Report to Nash Mills Parish Council

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Working Group Name	The Denes
Meeting Held (Date)	22 August 22
Present at Meeting	Steve Roberts, Alan Briggs, Michele Berkeley, Nicola Cobb
Apologies	Lisa Bayley, Jan Maddern
Agenda Items for Resolution/Decisions Needed in March <i>Please list each point requiring a decision separately for inclusion on the agenda.</i> <i>Please note items not included on the agenda cannot be approved.</i>	To determine the following: Whether council wish to request either of the following options for planter(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original suggestion made by DBC officer ▪ Alternative option suggested by working group

22 AUGUST 2022 DENES WORKING GROUP MEETING

Agenda item for this working group meeting

There was only one item for discussion during the working group meeting on 22 August – the style of proposed planter(s) at the Denes. The original planter suggested by the DBC Parks & Open Spaces Officer was the Bedlington Planter but it was agreed by council, during the June 22 meeting, that the working group would like to review alternatives before making a final decision.

Additional information: Redbourn planter

Alan previously shared a photo of a planter that he'd seen in Redbourn and the working group agreed that it was a very attractive option. Nikki, NMPC clerk, found out some information about the planter. The working group, while reviewing other options, have considered a planter that could also allow us to have different levels of planting but at a lower cost.

Photo of Redbourn Planter	Information from NMPC clerk
	<p><i>The planters were bespoke made and commissioned by Redbourn in Bloom which is the volunteer group that do our planters and hanging baskets around the village. They funded through various sources: part locality budget from HCC, part grant from the Parish Council and part from fundraising. It cost £11K which doesn't include the contents of the planter and was made by a local company. It is on HCC land and we had to ask permission from them as the landowner and then get planning permission from SADC. We contract out the watering contract to a local contractor and are charged £4k approx. each year for the watering of all the baskets and planters around the village. The watering contract runs from May to September and then the odd watering during the winter.</i></p>

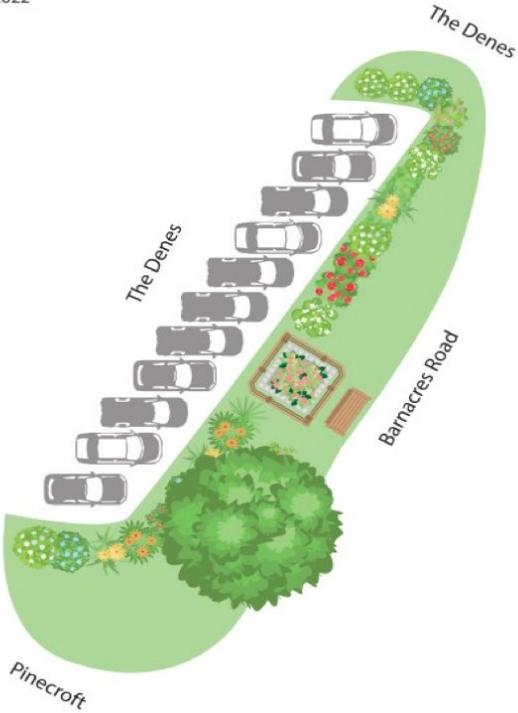
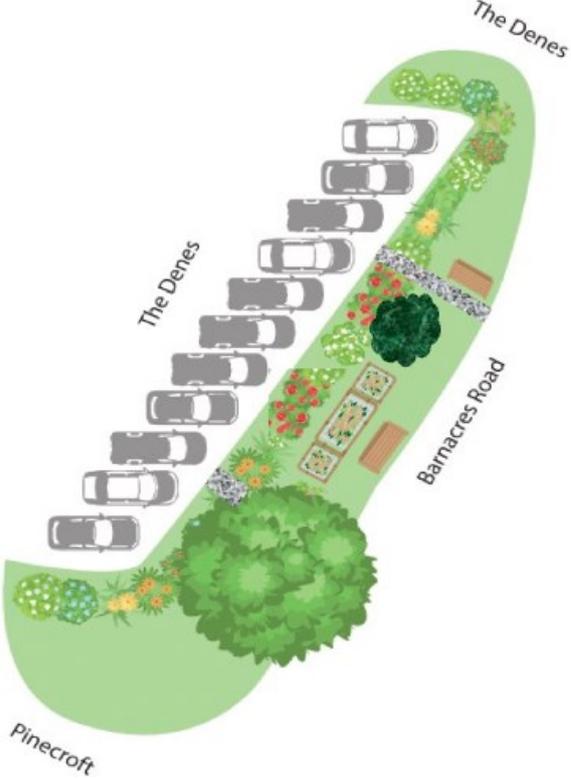
Working group proposal

The options that the working group would like to propose are the following (details and prices shown below)

Option A – a single Bedlington planter

Option B – a combination of rectangle / square planters to best fit the length of space and take into account the slope up to a maximum budget to be agreed by council

<p style="text-align: center;">OPTION A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DBC Office suggestion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A single Bedlington planter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OPTION B</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Working group suggestion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A combination of square / rectangle planters to fill the space between the bench and wildflower planting (next to the car park)</p>
	
<p>Bedlington Planter</p> <p>1000 x 1000 x 920mm - £1,166.00 2000 x 2000 x 920mm - £2,103.00</p>	<p>Square planter</p> <p>1000 x 1000 x 0.5m (Double layer) - £389.00 Single layer - £200.00 Triple layer - £578.00</p> <p><i>There is also a rectangle version of this (2m x 1m):</i> Single layer - £268.00 Double layer - £499.00 Triple layer - £751.00</p> <p>Example combinations</p> <p>1x rectangle (double) + 2x square (single) = £899.00</p> <p>1x rectangle (triple) + 2x square (double) = £1,529.00</p> <p>1x square (triple) + 2x square (double) + 2x square (single) = £1,756.00</p>
<p>https://www.broxap.com/bedlington-planter.html</p>	<p>https://www.broxap.com/square-planter.html</p>

Image supplied by DBC Officer	Image updated with working group example (Including estimated position of paths and Jubilee tree and bench)
<p data-bbox="124 320 352 383">BARNACRES - carpark design Plan view June 2022</p>  <p>The original plan view shows a curved parking area with 12 cars parked in a row. The area is bounded by 'The Denes' on the top and right, 'Barnacres Road' on the right, and 'Pinecroft' on the bottom left. A large tree is located at the bottom left, and a small rectangular area with a grid pattern is situated near the center of the parking area.</p>	 <p>The updated plan view includes the same 12 cars and boundaries as the original. It adds a path along the right side of the parking area, a large tree (labeled as a Jubilee tree) near the center, and a bench located near the bottom right. The text 'The Denes' is also repeated on the left side of the parking area.</p>

HISTORICAL ITEMS FOR REFERENCE

DESIGN PROPOSAL – JUNE 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

Design proposals from DBC officer – Council agreed, during June 22 meeting, to work with DBC Parks and Open Spaces officer on his proposed design. The only exception being the style of planter which the working group wished to investigate further due to the shape of the space. Full details of the proposal can be found on the June 2022 working group report.

COMPLETED ITEMS

- **Post box** – picked up by our borough councillor – Jan has discussed this with the appropriate party at Royal Mail who will look into options. It is now left with them to determine whether a post box can be added to the Denes. No further action for the parish council.
- **Jubilee bench** – Jubilee bench installed prior to Jubilee weekend. The bench is being well used.
- **Queen’s Green Canopy Tree** – Planted prior to the Jubilee weekend. Initial watering kindly arranged by clerk and warden.

IN PROGRESS ITEMS

- **Cycle racks and noticeboard** - Nikki working with Highways Officer to arrange installation.
- **QGC tree plaque** – plaque itself received, awaiting stand and stake in order to display.
- **Design proposals from DBC officer** – Now received and mostly agreed by council (see notes above)
- **Old Jubilee bench** – this has been removed and will be replaced as part of the new design.
- **Street signs** – Clerk will request new street signs to replace old broken ones.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- **Bin** – selection to include general litter, recycling and cigarette disposal
- **Red telephone box** –defer and bring back with options for use
- **Bug hotel or similar** – potential to incorporate into Dacorum officer’s design
- **Drug link** – are there volunteering opportunities for drug link programme?
- **School art projects** – ideas / locations for school art work to be publicly displayed