

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 11th July 2017

Present: Gary Powell (Chairman), Denise Gasan, Rowena Wilkes, Sheila Brown, Liz Lawrence, Chris Gallagher, Paula Nathan, Debbie Curtis, Lin Powell, Clare Sheridan, Becky Amor

1. **Apologies:** Mattie Ross, Jennifa Lowe,
2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 13th June 2017 noted.
3. **Main Item for Discussion – “D” Day – Tuesday 25th July 2017**
 - (i) **Judging Allocation** - 2 hours commencing at 9 am completion aimed to be at 10.30 am. Gary and Debbie will accompany the judges. The Town Hall will be open at 10 am. There will be café cover from 9.45/10 am. Jennifa will provide biscuits and Paula will provide brownies. Invitations to regular customers of the ‘Bloomers Café’, to Theresa as Mayor and to the Town Council Groundsmen.
 - (ii) **Judges Route** – The judges will see each end of the town when entering and leaving. They will be taken up to the Railway Station, the High Street and the Rest Garden. Photographs will be provided of other sites.
 - (iii) **Any updates on projects** -Denise and Rowena requested the hedges be trimmed at Stonehouse/Standish. They have trimmed what they can but they feel that it still looks a bit unsightly.

Pam mentioned about brambles near to the railway bridge on the route to the Railway Station.

Two water butts have been installed at the Railway Station.

Lin requested permission to buy plants.

Rowena offered a galvanised ‘bath’ to Clare to replace the manger which has gone missing.

Comments from Stonehouse Community on ‘Facebook’ will be put in the portfolio.

Debbie will take photos of sites on a nice day. Debbie will deliver a memory stick to Gary.

Gary circulated the proposed Press Release to the committee members.

The Globe Border needs tidying up. There was a discussion about the 'loan' of two hanging baskets.

Debbie and Maidenhill pupils will plant sunflowers.

Liz suggested that any jobs that needed Town Council groundstaff input should be checked with Gill.

Working parties planned for Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July at 9 am.

Litter pick for the morning of 25th July.

A picnic was proposed in the Rest Garden for the committee members after judging.

Funds/Fundraising – Update from Treasurer

Just over £3,000 in the account

Some money from the Co-op grant left.