

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 16th MAY 2017

Present: Gary Powell (Chairman), Debbie Curtis, Jennifa Lowe, Denise Gasan, Rowena Wilks, Pam Swain, Lin Powell, Chris Gallagher, Sheila Brown, Paula Nathan, Becky Amor, Margaret Foxcroft

1. **Apologies:** Mattie Ross, Jean Wilson, Austen Perkins

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 28th February, 31st March, and 28th April noted

3. **Updates**

(a) **Projects**

Stonehouse/Standish - Planters will be charged to Stonehouse in Bloom. Compost to be taken next weekend.

Railway Station – Gardening Club have planted shrubs

Steps – Shrubs planted and a rose planned for the autumn.

Station Master's Garden – Work has started but seeds have not germinated. Chris plans more flowers this year including hollyhocks and sunflowers. Salads planned instead of winter plants. Herbs planted in the front of the border. A bug house is planned for the back. Joe (Chris's husband) will provide another picture of a train with information of history.

A water butt is planned for the side of the shelter. Debbie will approach Station Master by telephone.

Entrance to Meadow Road Playing Field – Becky suggested photo for portfolio. It looks OK at the moment.

Globe Inn Border – Need to water and weed it. Gary to enquire who the bike belongs to. Perennials are planted in the shorter border. Home Farm Trust to be approached to see if they would be willing to keep this border watered.

Rest Garden – This is ongoing. The perennial border looks all right. Tidying up is needed around the pollarded tree. Monument garden need tidying.

High Street – There are flowerers in the Town Council car park to be planted here. Lin will consult with Marlene.

Outside Norville's – Jean is looking after one border and the Lunch Club is looking after the other.

Chris enquired about Queens Road patch near to the shops as there is concern that it looks a bit untidy.

Community Centre Garden – This needs keeping an eye on. It is very full at the moment. Gary will speak to Mary.

(b) Funds/Fundraising – Update from Treasurer

Table Top Sale and Café has raised £1,967.22

Debbie to send email to request cover for the cafe for June.

4. **Meetings and working party days** - Debbie will do spreadsheet alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays.

5. Volunteer Day 24th May 2017

6. **Filing cabinets** - These must be removed before Friday.

Raised beds in the Rest Garden – Application to Tesco online planned. Stonehouse Rotary Club may help if it is an actual project. Raised beds would enable older/disabled people to be included. Stonehouse brick to be used with the 'Stonehouse' name visible which would be near to the bottom gate of the Rest Garden. A wheel chair friendly surface was discussed.

7. **Debbie's Garden party and plant sale** – Monday 29th May (Bank Holiday Monday) from 2 pm to 5 pm. A raffle will be included.

8. Date of next meeting **Tuesday 13th June** in the Town Hall at 6 pm.