

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE ON TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2016

Present: Gary Powell (Chair), Jean Wilson, Margaret Foxcroft, Becky Amor, Jennifa Lowe, Debbie Curtis, Chris Gallagher, Rowena Wilks, Denise Gasan, Mattie Ross, Paula Nathan, Sheila Brown

1. **Apologies:** Liz Lawrence, Lin Powell
2. Gary welcomed new members Jean Wilson and Margaret Foxcroft
3. To note Minutes of Meeting held on 31st March 2016
4. **Updates - Projects and Schedule of Works 2016**

Rest Gardens

Jean's garden backs on to the Rest Garden. She said that if a hose pipe is needed then she will throw one over the wall/fence.

The Rest Garden's bushes have been cut back. Leigh Bins and the Beavers have planted bulbs and also had a clear up. Debbie/Jennifa will donate plants to the Beavers. The Beavers are keen to install bird boxes and bee boxes. Plants to attract bees have also been suggested. Jean said that there is useful information in the RHS magazine. Leigh asked for some guidance on prices.

The Shrubberies School have not been approached yet.

Rob West has not been approached yet regarding sign writing.

Standish/Stonehouse

Denise and Rowena have started planting there. They will discuss borrowing a rotavator from Leigh. Denise and Rowena mentioned a problem with litter at the site. They challenged a group of youths asking them to put their litter in the bin but they found that there was not one. Mattie/Sheila are to approach Mark at SDC to hopefully, request the installation of a bin there.

Horsetrough

The lady has been identified who have carried out a lot of work here in the past. Mattie has offered foxgloves for the Horsetrough site and also Standish/Stonehouse.

Railway Station

Debbie suggested planting on the approach to the Railway Station. Foxgloves were suggested and Mattie said that Welsh Poppies would be a good idea. The two round planters need planting. Debbie and Jennifa have offered to plant these. Payment for the plants has to be decided whether it will be Stonehouse in Bloom funds or the Town Council. Gary went to the entrance to clear brambles there. He said there is some good soil. A tap lock is needed for the water butt.

Raised Borders outside the Co-op

Lin and Marlene will be planting the raised borders outside the Co-op.

Borders outside the Premier Stonehouse Convenience Store

The Lunch Club will be involved with planting these borders.

High Street Medical Centre

A friend of Debbie's who works with people with Special Needs is growing some plants.

Fundraising

Paula raised £82 at her recent coffee morning.

Co-op Community Fund will be discussed at a meeting to be held on Saturday 23rd April.

On Saturday 7th May there will be a Car Boot Sale on Laburnum Playing Field between 10 am and 4 pm. The charges will be £5 for a car and £7 for a van.

A Plant and Cake Sale is scheduled for Saturday 21st May on the Green.

A Volunteer Day is proposed for Wednesday 18th May at the Community Centre between 9 am and 3 pm.

On 12th June a picnic will be held on Oldends Lane Playing Field to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. A plant sale was suggested which Leigh offered help from the Beavers.

Absolutely Fabulous to have a display on the front of the premises, Tax Assist to have a hanging basket, Harry Daniels (hairdressers) will have a low trough. The Light Shop has agreed to contribute funds also. Sartorius has offered £140.

General

Paula suggested a map of the venues. Gary will draw one up. Mattie mentioned some of the gardens at Cotswold Green should be photographed for the album (Les Hurn's garden and the work that Nigel Farley has done), fruit trees to be planted on the Laburnum site and intergenerational work.

It was mentioned that the judges do not like fly posters. Denise suggested a walk around the venues.

Person who lives near the station has offered some bluebells.

Judging is to take place on Tuesday 26th July 2016.

5. Date of the next meeting will be **Tuesday 10th May** at 6 pm in the Town Hall.
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