

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE ON TUESDAY 8th MARCH 2016 AT 6 PM

Present: Debbie Curtis, Chris Gallagher, Jennifa Lowe, Paula Nathan, , Becky Amor, Rowena Wilks, Mattie Ross, Denise Gasan, Liz Lawrence, Sheila Brown, Gary and Lin Powell

Apologies: Pam Swain

1. There were no new members

2. **Rest Gardens**

The Groundsmen have finished trimming the trees. The railings are to be painted dark green. Lin and Gary are to clear the ground around the tombstones. On the other side will be snowdrops. The border still needs widening. Gary will speak to **the owner of The Manse about pulling his fence** back with the post. The daffodils are in flower. Photographs are to be taken to go in the portfolio. The benches need tidying. Maidenhill School may possibly be involved with a mural. Debbie is to chase up regarding sunflowers. Park Infants have agreed to be involved but Park Junior involvement is still unsure. There will be wild flower seeds sown in the border.

3. **Standish/Stonehouse**

Snowdrops and daffodils will be planned for next year. Plug plant geraniums, hardy fuchsias and lobelia are planned for the tubs. Jennifa offered some morning glory for the rest garden and Standish/Stonehouse. The date for sowing annuals is mid-May and for the wild flowers is April.

4. **Memorial Green**

This is scheduled for May planting. **The border by the fence** next to the Globe will be sown with wild flowers.

5. **Railway**

Station planters include two wooden and one round. There are also GWR hanging baskets. Future thoughts are to perhaps move the footpath fence which is situated to the right of the platform and scatter wild flower seeds there. Chris is to speak to the groundsmen about co-ordinating the planting for the Station Masters Garden. Ralph and Ray to call on Chris a week on Thursday at 10 am (17th March).

6. **The High Street Medical Centre**

Debbie said that her friend is growing some plants which would be able to be made available. Enquiries will be made with the Home Farm Trust for possible help. A check is also to be made with Anna Buckland.

7. **Fund Raising**

Gary mentioned the possibility of registering as a charity. This would not be possible for next year as there is a lot of work involved to achieve this. The balance of funds at the moment is £628.

8. A pledge has been made by Sartorius for £140. Other offers have been Independent Financial Planning and the Phoenix Legal Group. A suggestion has been made to just plant the half of the lamp post planters which face the road and not to plant all the way round.

9. Paula is to arrange a coffee morning.

10. Mattie suggested serving soup and rolls and venues were discussed. Mattie mentioned Lent lunches held at St Joseph's Church Hall on Fridays between 12 pm and 1 pm. Other fund raising ideas were a plant sale and an Easter egg hunt. Rotary and the Community Partnership are to be approached using the same letter. A list of private gardens to photograph is to be made to add to the photographs.

11. **Dates of future meetings**

Thursday 31st March at **Gary and Lin's house (9 Glen Court)**, Tuesday 19th April and Tuesday 3rd May at the Town Hall). All these dates are 6 pm start.
