



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, STONEHOUSE ON TUESDAY 10th May 2016

Present: Gary Powell (Chairman), Lin Powell, Margaret Foxcroft, Debbie Curtis, Chris Gallagher, Rowena Wilks, Denise Gasan, Paula Nathan, Clare Sheridan (Allotment Tenants' Association), Sheila Brown

Also in attendance: Liz Lawrence

- 1. Apologies:** Mattie Ross, Becky Amor, Leigh Binns, Jennifa Lowe
- 2. New Members:** Cherry Foster (Stonehouse Gardening Club)
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th April 2016** – the Minutes were noted.
- 4. Updates – Projects**

Standish/Stonehouse - Denise and Rowena will shortly be purchasing geraniums for this site. They will also approach Leigh about borrowing her rotavator. When the ground is cultivated, they will sow wild flower seeds. Denise and Rowena asked about a litter bin being installed which was discussed at the previous meeting. Sheila asked where they thought would be the best place to site the bin. They thought that by the side of the seat would be ideal. Sheila will contact Mattie and SDC.

Clare will plant up a manger, donated by a local resident, near to the Stagholt allotment.

Railway Station

Debbie plans to plant up the large planters during forthcoming weekend. Margaret and Debbie will be working on the piece of ground next to the path leading to the station from Queens Road. This is planned for after Friday 13th May. It was suggested that the Volunteer Day on Wednesday 18th May could also be used to work on this area. It was suggested approaching Carol Kambites (Adopt-A-Station Group) about this.

Station Masters Garden

Chris Gallagher/Town Council groundstaff will be working on this sowing vegetable seeds and planting runner beans, sweet peas and red cabbage. A Health and Safety Notice was suggested regarding the bean poles.

Meadow Road Entrance to Playing Field

Paula has cleared this ready for sowing seeds tomorrow (Wednesday 11th May).

The Globe Inn Border

Lin and Paula have sown wild flower seeds. They have weeded between the wallflowers but left them there for the time being. Lin will move the pansies to the Rest Garden.

The Rest Garden

Gary has weeded the monument plot in the Rest Garden. Mattie has talked to Anne Snell at Maidenhill School about a mural for the Rest Garden. Gary had approached the Head of the Art Department a few weeks ago but he was informed that the students were busy with their exams. Suggestion that younger students not undertaking exams could be involved.

High Street

Plants are being grown by a special needs group. The Beavers may be involved in planting here.

Premier Stonehouse Convenience Store

The Lunch Club will be planting the two small beds here next Tuesday (17th May).

General

Park Infants and Wycliffe have been involved in growing sunflowers. Park Junior did not wish to be involved.

Gary has reviewed the planters on the lamp posts. It may be possible to extend the displays up as far as Grosvenor Road by splitting some of them down from double to single planters. The Wycliffe College sponsored planters will be located as per last year within the vicinity of the College boundary down towards Horsetrough roundabout.

The area outside the Lawns was highlighted as a scruffy site.

Debbie asked about a list of front gardens to be photographed for the album. Cherry said that she would approach her members in the Gardening Club.

Fundraising

Debbie and Chris agreed to attend a presentation on 23rd June at Coleford to receive the £494 granted from an application to the MidCounties Co-operative Community Fund.

The Car Boot Sale held on 7th May raised £25. The date of the next car boot sale is to be arranged.

(Stonehouse in Bloom currently have a balance of nearly £800.)

5. Identify Adopt-A-Plot

Cherry asked how the Gardening Club could be involved. The area outside the Premier Convenience Store and a planter at the Railway Station were suggested.

- 6.** The date of the next meeting will be **Wednesday 8th June at 6pm** in the Pavilion, Oldends Lane Playing Field.
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