

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 10th APRIL 2018

Present: Gary Powell, (Chairman), Lin Powell, Austen Perkins, Denise Gasan, Rowena Wilks, Jennifa Lowe, Chris Gallagher, Debbie Curtis, Leigh Binns, Sheila Brown, Jean Wilson, Pam Swain, Becky Amor

1. **Apologies:** Mattie Ross, Clare Sheridan
2. Welcome new members – John Aldis
3. To note Minutes of previous meetings
4. **Updates**

High Street Medical Centre

The seat is in the Town Hall car park ready to be installed next week. A RHS Grant has been awarded for £500 for plants for the border in front of the new fence. There will not be advice available from a Community Adviser. To obtain the grant Stonehouse in Bloom has gone into partnership with High Street Medical Centre for the project. Suggestions for what to plant have been requested. The two previous planters are going to be used again. Work will commence to install sleepers, costing £120, on Barry's return from holiday. Tom (Practice Manager) is to be contacted to request that the contractor completes work to tidy the land along the side towards the Medical Centre Building so that the fencing can be completed.

A decision with what to do with the wooden planters will be made on Tuesday.

The Independence Trust, which is an organisation which helps people with mental health issues, based at Weavers Croft in Stroud, is going to have its first drop in session on Friday 13th April 2018 at APT at 1 pm. Leigh offered members to visit the site at Weavers Croft which includes a men's shed offering woodwork etc.

Standish/Stonehouse (Denise and Rowena)

Work in progress. Daffodils are all right. Help has been requested to dig the sunflower out of one of the tubs.

Old Vicarage

Two malus trees will be planted by Barry and Ray. Turf will be taken away and used to edge the bed created by Austen and the Gardening Club near to the railway station. An application has been made to GCC for bollards to be installed to stop parking there.

Rest Garden

There will be fencing to be installed along the bottom of the Rest Garden next to the path. The request will go to the Amenities and Recreation Committee. It has already been raised

at the Full Town Council Meeting on 10th April 2018. The cost will be £850. It is hoped that Gerard Atkinson will paint a mural on a board and install it in the Rest Garden.

Railway Station

Bramley Roses have been planted near to the steps. The border looks good.

GWR say that it is not their decision to remove the old fence and install a new fence near to the new platform. Concerns have been raised that there is going to be an area where litter is likely to be dropped and there access is going to make it impossible to clear the litter. This is the responsibility of Network Rail.

GWR will provide extra hanging baskets and planters.

Lin

Home Farm Trust will take over the planters in front of The Globe.

Jean

It is looking good. Jean mentioned that the spacers on the new trees in the Meadow Road playing field need adjusting.

Chris (Station Master's Garden)

Chris will plant more perennials this year with vegetable plants dotted in between.

Austen

Snowdrops will be planted while they are still 'in the green'. Hellebores will also be planted. Turf will be added to the edges from the site in Elm Road.

Mattie

Negotiating donation from Network Rail

Fundraising

£250 from Wycliffe

£200 from Red Kite Solicitors

£100 from Sysum's Barbers

On average £70 is raised from the Table Top Sales and café each week.

Total of £4,213.00 in funds

Plant sale arranged for Saturday 12th May on the Green to run with the TTS and café.

Gary will check with Bowbridge Veterinary Group, John Kerry. Leeper Prosser has agreed to two hanging baskets.

5. **Land off Burdett Road**

Stroud District Council has handed a piece of land over the Stonehouse Town Council. £1,000 has been made available for plants etc. A request has been made for suggestions for plants. There is a possibility that a seat may be installed? Pam and Debbie are to draw out a rough plan before Austen's return on 19th April. Debbie and Pam will discuss with Austen on 23rd April to formalise the plan.

6. **Judging Day Date**

The date of *Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 9 am* has been confirmed.

Date of next Meeting

A working party will be meeting on **Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 6 pm** on The Green. Leigh will attend accompanied by the Cubs to install the bird boxes at about **6.45 pm**.

Working parties have been suggested every Tuesday and Thursday.

West Kingston, near Chippenham, has an Open Da`y on 28th and 29th April 2018