

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

**Present:** Gary Powell (Chairman), Jennifa Lowe, Lin Powell, Chris Gallagher, Debbie Curtis, Sheila Brown, Pam Swain, Denise Gasan, Rowena Wilks, Jean Wilson

1. **Apologies:** Mattie Ross, Becky Amor, Clare Sheridan, Leigh Binns

2. Welcome new members - none

3. **Election of Officers for 2018**

Chair of Committee - Gary Powell  
Vice Chair of Committee – Becky Amor  
Treasurer – Debbie Curtis  
Admin – Liz and Caroline  
Minutes Secretary – Sheila Brown

4. To note Minutes of the Meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018

5 **Updates**

### **High Street Medical Centre**

Purchase of fence all right. It will be installed when two members of staff are on duty. The wall will be repaired when builders are due. Tom (Practice Manager) has arranged this. A RHS Grant has been applied for to pay for plants. The criteria for this grant is Health and Wellbeing. We will hear the outcome of this in March. If the grant is won it would mean up to £500. Edging is needed along the path bricks; sleepers and a log roll were discussed. The filing cabinet is to be removed to install a seat. The old lamp post is to be removed from outside the Trafalgar Chip Shop and placed on the corner where vehicles are driving over. The bricks from the site where the new fence is are going to be cleaned and moved to the Rest Garden for use around the new raised bed.

### **Old Vicarage**

The wide grass verge outside the perimeter wall of The Old Vicarage is going to be planted up into flower beds with small trees and a trellis in front of the wall.

### **Top of Verney Road**

Planting is going to take place near the dog bin.

### **Bus Shelter in Bath Road**

This will be planted again as last year. Debbie will email.

### **Wycliffe**

There will be a Working party Community Day on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### **Railway Station**

The water butt near to the ticket machine is full of litter. A suggestion is to install a notice reading 'This is not a litter bin'.

### **Bird Boxes**

The cubs have made the above. Leigh will take photos.

### **Canal Wharf**

There are plans to include planting near the canal when the new wharf is built.

### **War Memorial**

Denise said she would ask her husband, John, to approach the man living in the large house near the war memorial to ask him if he would be willing to water the proposed troughs to be installed.

Arrange a date for projects for working party. Approach Maidenhill School to make plant labels for Apothecary Garden.

### **Pam**

Pam has arranged a meeting with Jim and Rosanna to select the trees to purchase (Old Vicarage, Elm Road).

### **Lin**

All is OK.

### **Jean**

All is OK. She will let the daffodils flower and then tidy up.

### **Jennifa**

Jennifa will help out on working parties.

### **Chris**

Chris plans to raise the bed at the back. She will ask Ray's advice about using old tyres.

### **Rowena**

Is not sure what she should be doing on Facebook.

### **Rowena and Denise**

Planted about 200 bulbs which have not come up because the area was driven over when the roadworks were taking place. Signs were also dumped on the area. Problems were also caused by the new development. It has been decided that a working party will sort this out

as the area has been left in such a mess. Pam suggested approaching the site office at the nearby development for money for bulbs.

**Debbie**

There are bulbs coming out on the path up to the station.

**Railway Station**

There are plans for more flowers on the new platform.

*Lin and Gary's exceptional contributions were highlighted.*

Liz will be sending out sponsor letters to businesses etc.

A planned plant sale to take place on the Green to combine with the café will be discussed at the next meeting.

**7. Judging Day Date**

A provisional date (awaiting confirmation) will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 9 am.

**Date of next Meeting**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6 pm in the Town Hall.