



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD IN THE PAVILION, OLDENDS LANE ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016**

**Present:** Gary Powell (Chairman), Lin Powell, Debbie Curtis, Chris Gallagher, Rowena Wilks, , Paula Nathan, Mattie Ross, Jennifa Lowe, Pam Swain, Sheila Brown

1. **Apologies:** Liz Lawrence, Denise Gasan, Margaret Foxcroft
2. **New Members:** Mr Wilks
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016
4. **Updates**
  - (a) **Projects**

**Standish/Stonehouse** – All OK but concern about wild flowers that have been mown. Litter bin would have been installed but spare one arrived with no fixtures. SDC are waiting for order to arrive for a bin with fixtures. Council staff on standby ready to install it when it is delivered.

### **Railway Station**

GWR planters, baskets and long and rectangular trough planted. £150 has been given by GWR. Debbie is to arrange the purchase of a planter to be positioned in front of the Post Office. It is to be painted black to match the benches. Sally would like to involve school children. The entrance to the railway station from Queens Road at the side of the steps has been planted with herbaceous plants. Platform 1 planting has been completed.

### **Station Masters Garden**

All sowing and planting has been completed. Some seeds have had to be re-sown as the previous ones did not germinate. Chris requested Ralph and Ray to water the garden when they water the hanging baskets. Scarecrow has not been installed but a flower pot man was suggested.

### **Meadow Road Entrance to Playing Field**

Paula said this was completed.

### **The Globe Border**

The wallflowers have been cut down. Skimmias and hydrangeas have been planted. There is only ongoing weeding left to do.

## **The Rest Garden**

Time has been lost through illness. The wider plot has been completed. The herbaceous bed has been planted. The Beavers have planted snowdrops where there is a pool of soil showing. They are to install bird boxes and boxes for bees. Paula has planted about 100 bluebells. The wooden fences need to be painted but this is not a priority task.

## **High Street**

The Co-op raised borders have been planted. All the hanging baskets are up. Thirteen baskets had to be returned and replaced as they were damaged.

## **Premier Stonehouse Convenience Store**

Mattie and the Lunch Club have completed the planting here. Debbie has made a border outside the opticians and planted it up. The damage caused by a lorry reversing on this site is being sorted out.

## **Any other areas**

The horse trough and surrounding area was considered to be untidy. The lady who has been looking after this area is to be approached to offer help to sort this out.

### **b. Fundraising**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July is the Flower Pot Trail. Any money raised is to go to Stonehouse in Bloom and charities.

Future car boot sales – Paula suggested four dates a year to be planned ahead, two in the autumn and two in the spring.

The plant sale and car boot sale together raised £134.

### **5. To commence consideration of route for Judges's Walkabout**

A timed walkabout had been scheduled for Tuesday 28th June meeting at 6 pm in the Town Hall.

### **6. To commence consideration of Portfolio - layout/presentation**

Debbie, Gary and Liz to sit down and discuss the above.

### **7. The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July in the Pavilion in Oldends Lane.**

Organised litter pick meeting at the Youth Centre on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2 pm.

General litter pick on Saturday and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> July

Gather at Gary and Lin's house after the judging on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 11 am. Please bring a plate of food.