

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD THE TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2019

Present: Gary Powell (Chairman), Lin Powell, Denise Gasan, Rowena Horton, Jennifa Lowe, Roseanne Jamieson, Jim Jamieson, Janet Chambers, Debbie Curtis, Becky Amor Davies, Chris Gallagher, Paula Nathan, Clare Sheridan, Sheila Brown, Pam Swain

1. **Apologies:** Vicky Wu, Jean Wilson
2. **Welcome new members:** Su Chard

3. **Election of Officers**

Chair – Gary Powell

Vice Chair – Becky Amor-Davies

Treasurer – Debbie Curtis

Admin

Minutes – Sheila Brown

Support – Rowena Horton

4. **To note Minutes of meeting held on 11th January 2019**

Jennifa thanked everyone for their cakes and volunteering for café duties and was thanked for arranging the Bloomers Café rotas.

5. **Updates**

Stonehouse in Bloom has now officially adopted Stonehouse Station. Enquiry whether planters are permitted against the fence.

Possible £10,000 grant from Barnwood Trust for developing the Rest Garden.

Contact Brownies about sunflowers in Elm Road.

Lin has ten plants for the Globe border plus four skimmias which she has brought on. She has also ordered one hundred plug plants for the War Memorial Garden. She is also looking into lavenders for the Globe border.

Denise and Rowena have enquired whether the developers are planning to replace the fence outside the new development at Standish/Stonehouse. They have permission to plant clematis and climbing roses. A working party will be arranged to remove the brambles. They are concerned about the other side of the road where development is due to take place on the ground where the sports pavilion and car park are at the moment.

Pam reminded everyone about the organised litter picks which take place every two months. The next date will be **Sunday 17th March 2019**.

Wycliffe College 'Make a Difference Day' will take place on Friday 28th June this year. Sixty students will take part this year with two members of staff. SIB members were asked if they could take part.

Janet will take over the Meadow Road border. A working party to help her initially will be organised.

Becky suggested a 'living garden' on the wall of the old Light Shop where Share and Repair are due to move into. Becky also suggested a Bloomers Café recipe book? Please email your recipes to Becky if you would like them included in the book.

Signage was again mentioned at entrances to the town to advertise Stonehouse in Bloom Gold Award. Mattie will enquire about this. The contact is John Morris.

Clare volunteered to help where she was needed.

Sue suggested that the Pearcroft Road bus stop could be a 'poetry bus stop'. On the left would be poetry by famous poets relating to the subject of flower, gardening etc which would be changed four times a year. On the right side would be poems submitted by local poets. Sue will enquire about aluminium frames which would cost about £50 each for an A4 size. She will approach James & Owen to confirm costs. Sue and Debbie will discuss this via email. Sue also suggested a frame inside the bus shelter with copies of the poems for the public to read. Sue also suggested an Albertine rose for the grassed area.

Paula commented a positive image been given to Stonehouse which is helped by litter clearance.

A discussion took place about the possibility of providing food to raise funds at the Park Run which takes place each week at the Oldends Lane Playing Field. Adults take part on Saturdays and children on Sundays.

Pam will enquire about publicizing what SIB is doing in an empty shop.

Mattie will enquire about whether the old Fair Shares shop could be used as a Bloomers Café in the future.

A date will be arranged for Ebley Mill Volunteer Day.

The Coventry Building Society contact is Jade, Community Ambassador. The Coventry are involved in community work.

Mattie said that Pippa at the Lunch Club will be away until April. Mattie may ask for help with the border.

Burdett Close is not finished. The Town Council will consult with the District Council.

6. **Treasurers Report**

Copies circulated by Debbie at the meeting. Gary gave thanks to Debbie for all her work contacting people to raise funds.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

Working Parties arranged for Friday 15th February and Friday 22nd February 2019 just confirmed by Debbie.

8. Judging Date had been booked **for Friday 12th July 2019** at 9.30am.

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