

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAREHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, WAREHAM AT 7.00 P.M.**

**Present: Councillor Mrs S Elmes, Mrs P Bowyer-Davis, Mrs R Longstaff, Councillor E. Osmond (Chairman), Miss D Carr, Mrs I Horne, Mrs R Osmond**

**Officers in attendance: Mrs K Richardson – Administration Officer**

**Members of the public present: Nil**

**56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr R Curtis (Town Clerk) due to urgent meeting of Wareham Music Festival Committee.

**57. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced the resignation of Mrs M Wainwright from the Committee due to family commitments. All members of the committee and the Chairman expressed their thanks and gratitude to Mrs Wainwright for the excellent service she had given to Wareham in Bloom over many years.

**58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Elmes declared a personal financial interest in item 61 due to Mr Elmes (husband) having made a financial donation to Wareham in Bloom.

**59. MINUTES OF THE WAREHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

The minutes of the Wareham in Bloom Committee meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**60. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

Minute 45 – The Pound - Councillor Mrs Elmes reported that the Purbeck School pupils had created a design and it is ready to be transferred to a material yet to be decided on.

Minute 45 – Flower Bed outside Police Station – The Chairman reported that this could be made into a raised wedge shape and that the work would be carried out in the spring.

Minute 48 – Wareham in Bloom Local Competition/ Best Kept Allotment Competition 2011 – It was reported that it was a successful evening although several uncollected certificates were still in the Town Hall offices.

Minute 49 – Anglian Home Improvements Fund – It was reported that the cheque had been presented at the Wareham in Bloom local competition presentation evening.

Minute 53 – Round the Table – It was agreed to have a “Young Gardener of the Year” competition as a separate item on the next agenda. The Town Clerk to present further information.

Minute 53 – Round the Table – Councillor Mrs Elmes agreed to work on a new design for updating the Wareham in Bloom logo.

**61. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Chairman reported on a donation from Mr & Mrs Backhouse. The Financial Report was received and is attached to these minutes.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the Financial Report above be noted.

**62. SAXON ROUNDABOUT**

The Committee discussed the theft of the replica Saxon sword from the recently redesigned roundabout. The Chairman reported that he had received a donation of £50 from the Purbeck Gardening Club and £50 had been received from Mr & Mrs Backhouse. The Wareham Wednesdays group had also offered a £500 donation but on the condition that a replacement sword was placed on the roundabout.

The Committee discussed a design submitted by Mr W Taylor to replace the sword with a carved block of Purbeck stone. however it was agreed that the proposal had several drawbacks. It was agreed that, should the sword be replaced, increased security should be considered such as CCTV and it was noted that the committee may also wish to take further professional advice on this aspect.

The Chairman reported that he would be meeting Giles Sturdy of Bournemouth University regarding further investigation into making a new sword from a specially hardened steel or a revised design whereby welding rods could be inserted inside to make it more resistant to damage or theft.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the Committee agree to pursue investigations to replace the Saxon sword, subject to an improved design/material and improved security measures.

**63. LONG TERM PROJECTS FOR 2011/12**

**BT PHONEBOX NORTH STREET**

- The Committee discussed using the BT phone box for a plant display but felt this was not entirely practicable. They agreed to instruct the Administration Officer to find out the cost of replacement historic phone equipment. It was agreed that if this was installed the phone box would have to be locked.

**FLOWER BED OUTSIDE POLICE STATION**

- The Committee agreed to make this into a raised wedge shape in spring 2012.

**NEW FLOWER BED FOR QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

- The Committee agreed to design a new flower bed and plant in the shape of a crown with flowers to represent jewels. The bed to be on the verge outside the Police Station and the Chairman agreed to contact the Police.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the above points be noted.

**64. FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES/SPONSORSHIP**

- a) The date for the Wareham in Bloom/Camera Club event had been confirmed as the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Mrs P Bowyer-Davies and Councillor Mrs Elmes agreed to place an advert in the local paper advertising the competition. The Mayor to be asked to

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judge the competition and to have a stall in aid of the Mayor's charities. It was also agreed that Holton Heath could run a stall. The Wareham in Bloom committee members would run the Tombola, raffle, bric-a-brac stalls and teas. It was agreed to have a further meeting in the Council Chamber at 10am on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the finer details.

- b) The date for the Wareham in Bloom fundraising spring sale was confirmed as the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012.
- c) Councillor Mrs S Elmes and Mrs P Bowyer-Davis had produced Christmas cards for sale in aid of Wareham in Bloom. These will be sold through Farwells and the Tourist Information Centre priced at £1:50 each for large cards and £3:25 - £4:00 for assorted packs of smaller cards. It was estimated that these would produce a profit in the region of £150 - £200 and would also generate publicity for Wareham in Bloom. If successful, then it could be expanded to other items such as birthday cards and notelets.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the above points be noted.

#### 65. **SOUTH & SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM COMPETITION 20121**

The Chairman reported that the marking system for South and South East in Bloom would be changing in 2012 to a system giving actual marks rather than the flower symbols.

The Chairman also reported that Mr Jorg Annaheim had recently had an accident and therefore would be unable to fulfil his contract in 2012 to provide the floral displays for the town. The Committee discussed the amount of work involved in submitting an entry into the South and South East in Bloom competition and the difficulty of finding an alternative contractor to provide such high quality flower displays as provided by Mr Annaheim.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that it be agreed that the Committee shall not submit an entry into the South and South East in Bloom Competition in 2012 but that, subject to finding a suitable contractor, the flower baskets and stands would be erected in the town centre as usual.

#### 66. **BUDGET LINES**

The Committee discussed the budget lines and the following amendments were agreed:

##### Income

Line 4480 - £5000

##### Expenditure

Line 8350 - £5000

Line 8360 - £500

The following comments were made:

- The Committee reported that several regular donors had indicated that they would not be donating in 2012.
- The Committee reported that in the light of Mr. Annaheim's accident a new contractor for the floral displays would have to be appointed in 2012.

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- The Committee reported that they would not be submitting an entry for any regional competitions in 2012.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that, subject to amendments, the budget sheet attached to these Minutes be presented to the next meeting of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for approval.

**67. RHS WILD ABOUT WILDFLOWERS**

It was confirmed that the Committee had been successful in obtaining a pack of wildflower annuals to sow in the local area as part of the RHS Britain in Bloom campaign 2012.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that the above Item be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting.

**68. TREE PLANTING – FREE TREES FROM WOODLAND TRUST**

The Administration Officer reported that the Committee had been successful in their application for 100 free trees from the Woodland Trust and that the trees had been delivered and were ready to plant. The Committee discussed suitable locations where the trees might be planted, including Hauses Field to replace trees that had died, the edges of the Wareham bypass from the Saxon roundabout to the Worgret Road roundabout, and behind St Martins Church.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that the Committee would meet to carry out the tree planting at 10:30am on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

**69. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and members of the public will be excluded from the remainder of the meeting by Resolution on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8 or Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

**70. FLORAL DISPLAYS CONTRACT**

The Committee discussed the need for a suitable contractor to provide the floral displays in the town centre in 2012 whilst Mr Annaheim was incapacitated. It was reported that the Town Trust provided 6 baskets on the Library wall.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that the Committee instruct the Town Clerk to draw up a suitable specification and obtain quotes from suitable contractors for the next meeting.

**71. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

- Councillor Mrs Elmes offered to draft a letter to be sent to local organisations asking for people to join the Committee.
- The Administration Officer agreed to email a list of uncollected certificates to Councillor Mr Osmond, Councillor Mrs Elmes and Mrs Bowyer-Davis.

**72. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7.00p.m. in the Council Chamber.**

The meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.

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