

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WAREHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EAST STREET, WAREHAM AT 7.00PM.**

Present: Miss D Carr, Councillor Mrs P Bowyer-Davis, Mrs I Horne, Mrs R Longstaff, Councillor E Osmond (Chairman), Councillor Mrs M Wainwright (Vice Chairman).

Also present: Mrs J Riggs, Mr G Millman, and Mr T Sykes.

Officers in attendance: Mr R Curtis, Town Clerk, Mrs J Hale Admin Assistant.

The Chairman welcomed Miss Dorothy Carr as a new member of the Wareham in Bloom Committee.

***Presentation***

A presentation of still photographs, digital photographs and an accompanying talk was given by Mrs J Riggs, Mr G Millman and Mr T Sykes. They explained how scarecrow competitions at Broadmayne, Bisterne and Lacock were organised and showed examples of scarecrows.

The Chairman thanked Mrs J Riggs, Mr G Millman and Mr T Sykes for a very enjoyable, informative and inspirational presentation.

**51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Edwards, Mrs M A Holman and Mrs R Osmond.

**52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**53. MINUTES OF THE WAREHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment.

Minute 40, Paragraph 7, Line 4 – delete Mrs I Holman, Insert Mrs M A Holman.

**54. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE WAREHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009**

- *Wareham in Bloom Projects 2009 – Minute 40* –The Town Clerk confirmed that he was in the process of producing a Power Point presentation to be shown during the visit by the Judges to the Town Hall in July.

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- *Hauses Field – Adopt A Raised Bed Scheme – Minute 43* - The chairman reported that volunteers had taken on the raised bed sensory garden at Hauses Field.
- *Open Garden Scheme – Minute 45* – The Committee considered that this would require long term planning and decided to defer the matter until 2010.
- *Refurbishment of Seats – Minute 46* - The Chairman reported that Purbeck District Council was refurbishing all seats in the town including those previously refurbished by Wareham Town Council in the Rempstone Centre.
- *Membership of the Committee – Minute 48* – The Chairman updated the Committee and reported that no responses from local Horticultural Organisations had been received.

### **55. FINANCIAL REPORT/BUDGET 2009/10**

The Financial Report was received from the Finance Assistant and is attached to these minutes.

Two members expressed concerns that the public perception of the finances of Wareham in Bloom as a voluntary organisation had changed since coming under the umbrella of the Town Council. The Town Clerk highlighted the administrative and financial support, general help, free use of Town Hall meeting/event facilities and continued support as benefits that were now available to Wareham in Bloom as an organisation. The Chairman said he would look into the financial support given by the Town Council to Wareham in Bloom.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### **56. STREET FURNITURE : PUBLIC SEATS**

- a) *Update on Guppy Family bench* - The Town Clerk reported on the completion of the Guppy Seat and showed photographs of the opening ceremony which had taken place that day.
- b) *Update on Library 'Secret Garden' Project* – The Town Clerk reported that availability of finances had been confirmed and an order for a Cedar Tree Seat had been placed. The chairman reported that slabs had been ordered and arrangements made for them to be laid. Lady St. Mary School had agreed to take on the maintenance of a flower box. A plan by Mrs Lesley Soulsby would soon be available on the future garden design.

**RESOLVED** that the above be noted.

57. **SCARECROW WINDOW DISPLAY PROJECT**

The Committee felt it essential that as many local Wareham Organisations as possible get involved with the Scarecrow Competition and agreed that this should be a long term project for next year. It was decided that as part of advertising for the Scarecrow Competition, a short term project of scarecrows, art work and photographs in empty shop windows for the South/South East in Bloom Competition judging in July be arranged. The Chairman reported that he had contacted Mr G Ryder who had agreed that scarecrows could be placed in empty shop windows owned by the Rempstone Estate.

**RESOLVED** that a) a working group consisting of Cllr Mrs P Bower-Davis, Mrs I Horne, Mrs R Longstaff, Cllr Mrs M Wainwright and the Town Clerk be set up to organise the Scarecrow/Art Work in Shop Windows, b) this item be put on the next Agenda.

58. **OPEN GARDEN SCHEME**

The Committee decided to defer the Open Garden Scheme. After discussion it was:-

**RESOLVED** that a) this matter be deferred to next year, b) this item be put on the Wareham in Bloom September Agenda.

59. **FUNDRAISING EVENT 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009**

The Committee reported on preparations for the fundraising event on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009, these included:-

- Plant stalls
- Books
- Bric a Brac
- Cake stall
- Raffle (including donated vouchers)
- Plants donated from Holme Garden Centre

Mrs R Longstaff confirmed that posters had been handed out in Sandford and would be made available for Shops and Notice Boards in Wareham. Large 'A Board' posters would also be available for advertising on the day.

The Chairman confirmed that the flower fountains and wall baskets would be delivered and positioned in the Town before the fundraising event. He thanked everyone for their help in organising the event and for manning the stalls. It was:-

**RESOLVED** to note the above.

**60. PRESS/PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING OF EVENTS**

*Wareham in Bloom 2010 Calendar* - Cllr Mrs P Bowyer-Davis reported that photographs were being collated on a CD for inclusion in the suggested Wareham in Bloom Calendar for 2010. Mr M Gannon (Tradewind Graphics) had advised that an A4 format was the cheapest and easiest option for printing. At present no outlets had been approached but it was envisaged that premises such as 'Farwells', 'Horseys', 'Magpies' and the Tourist Information Centre as well as local organisations would be suitable candidates for sales.

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs P Bowyer-Davis, Cllr Mrs M Wainwright and the Town Clerk choose a suitable selection of photographs and that the calendar be produced by July for the 'Holiday Trade'.

*Ongoing Publicity for Scarecrow Competition* – It was suggested that a working group be set up in September to organise publicity for the Scarecrow Competition. It was also suggested that a demonstration of how to make a scarecrow could be included at the Wareham in Bloom Presentation evening.

*Wareham in Bloom Website* – The Chairman suggested that a dedicated Wareham in Bloom website would give the opportunity to advertise future events, give a full report of all activities undertaken and inform the public of the aims and achievements of Wareham in Bloom. The Town Clerk was asked to obtain information about the cost of a separate website for Wareham in Bloom. It was:

**RESOLVED** that a) photographs are chosen for Wareham in Bloom 2010 Calendar, b) Wareham in Bloom 2010 Calendar be put on the next Agenda, c) a working group for organising the Scarecrow Competition be set up in September, d) the Town Clerk obtain information on setting up a Wareham in Bloom Website.

**61. SOUTH/SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2009**

The Town Clerk's Agenda Report was noted by the Committee. The Town Clerk confirmed that the portfolio to be submitted by the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009 did

not need to include the itinerary for the Judges. He pointed out that the guidelines had altered from five to three sections, these were:-

**Section A – Horticultural Achievement – 100 points**

**Section B – Environmental Responsibility – 50 points**

**Section C – Community Participation – 50 points**

**170 points out of 200 needed to obtain GOLD**

Certificates of Excellence awards were now included in the South/South East in Bloom Competition. It was suggested that the Committee read the criteria within the guidelines and agree nominations for Discretionary Awards that would be given to the judges in July and presented to winners at the October presentation. It was:-

**RESOLVED** that a) the Committee agree nominations for the South/South East in Bloom 2009 Discretionary Awards b) this item be deferred to the next Agenda.

62. **GIRL GUIDE CENTENARY FLOWER BED SCHEME – SITE MEETING**

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Police Officers and he would attend a site meeting with Police Officers, the Town Clerk at 1.00 pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. It was:-

**RESOLVED** that a report be made to the next meeting.

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

*Notices to Volunteers* - The Chairman asked that a note be sent to the volunteers who water the fountains and baskets, informing them when the flowers would be put out, thanking them for their help and showing the date of the fund raising event. Cllr Mrs M Wainwright confirmed that 45 notices were already available and would be distributed.

*Notice Board* - Mrs I Holman asked for a notice appealing for plants and bric a brac for the Fundraising event for 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

64. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman requested and it was duly agreed by the Committee, that the date of the next regular Committee meeting be altered from the approved calendar date of *Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009* to **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7.00 pm.**

The meeting finished at 9.10 pm

.....Chairman