

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAREHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 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

Officers in attendance: Mr Curtis – Town Clerk, Mrs K Richardson – Administration Officer

Members of the public present: Nil

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs M Wainwright and Mrs R Osmond

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

42. MINUTES OF THE WAREHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22nd June 2011

The minutes of the Wareham in Bloom Committee meeting of 22nd June 2011 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

43. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd June 2011

There were no matters arising.

44. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was received and is attached to these minutes.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Financial Report above be noted.

45. LONG TERM PROJECTS FOR 2011/12

THE POUND

- Councillor Mrs Elmes reported that WDDT together with the Purbeck School are planning improvements to the Pound. They are looking for funding to have it cleared.

BT PHONEBOX NORTH STREET

- The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council are adopting the BT phone box in North Street and are looking for suggestions as to how it might be used. The Committee suggested using it for exotic planting or flowers.

FLOWER BED OUTSIDE POLICE STATION

- The Committee suggested an Olympic theme for the flower bed planting for 2012.

NEW FLOWER BED FOR QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILIEE

- The Committee considered making a new raised bed outside the Almshouses in Worgret Road; drought resistant planting would be required. It was agreed to ask the residents of the Almshouses to maintain and water it, should it go ahead.

It was:

RESOLVED that the above points be noted.

46. FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES/SPONSORSHIP

- a) The date for the Wareham in Bloom/Camera Club event had been confirmed as the 28th January 2012. The competition to be open to all Wareham residents. Mrs P Bowyer-Davis to decide on the theme and categories. The Mayor to be asked to judge the competition. It was agreed to place this on the next Committee Agenda to discuss fully.
- b) The date for the Wareham in Bloom fundraising spring sale was confirmed as the 12th May 2012.
- c) Councillor Mrs S Elmes and Mrs P Bowyer-Davis agreed, subject to costing, to design cards and notelets for sale using photos of the Saxon roundabout.

It was:

RESOLVED that the above points be noted.

47. SOUTH & SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2011/BITAIN IN BLOOM COMPETITION

- a) Wareham in Bloom was awarded a Silver Gilt for the South & South East in Bloom competition 2011. The Chairman and Town Clerk attended the award ceremony at Fontwell Racecourse on the 7th September 2011 and were pleased with the venue. The Committee considered the judges' comments and felt that Wareham suffered from lack of public space. Many of the comments made had been addressed for the Britain in Bloom competition judging, held on the 9th August, the results of which were still awaited. The Town Clerk suggested a monthly diary of events/meetings etc should be kept as part of the 2012 portfolio which would considerably ease the workload next year; this was agreed.
- b) The date for the Britain in Bloom award ceremony is Sunday 25th September in St Andrews Fife. Four committee members would be attending together with five guests. There is a judges surgery booked for 11.40am on Monday 26th September.

It was:

RESOLVED that the above be noted.

48. WAREHAM IN BLOOM LOCAL COMPETITION / BEST KEPT ALLOTMENT COMPETITION 2011

- The date of the Presentation Evening for the Wareham in Bloom/ Best Kept Allotment competitions was confirmed as Friday 21st October 2011.
- The Town Clerk confirmed that a new Shield would shortly be purchased for the Best Front garden award to replace the Eco Trophy, as agreed last year.
- Mrs R Longstaff confirmed that she would provide a list of names of Cub Scouts who were to be presented with certificates at the Presentation Evening.
- The recipients for the mayor's award and the RHS certificates were confirmed.
- The Chairman to approach Mr Howlett to provided drinks for the evening.

It was:-

RESOLVED that the above be noted.

49. ANGLIAN HOME IMPROVEMENTS FUND

It was confirmed that an award of £500 had been received from the Anglian Home Improvements Fund. This will be presented to Mr T Gibbons of the Lady St Mary school project at the Presentation evening in October and will be spent on a raised allotment bed.

It was:-

RESOLVED that the above be noted.

50. TREE PLANTING – FREE TREES FROM WOODLAND TRUST

The Town Clerk reported that he had applied for an additional 105 trees to replace some of the trees planted in March at the Britain in Bloom launch at Hauses Field wildlife area which had died off due to unusually dry weather in April. It was not known if the bid had been successful but, if so, there would be a further tree planting event at Hauses Field in the autumn.

It was:-

RESOLVED that the above be noted.

51. ROUNDABOUTS

- a) The Chairman reported that the stones had been repositioned on the Saxon Roundabout following concerns that they may have become loose. The sponsors' information board had been knocked over and needed re-fixing in position.
- b) The Chairman reported that the Hemsbach Society had been offered a sculpture to commemorate 25 years of town twinning with Hemsbach and were looking for a suitable location in Wareham. He had suggested the first roundabout before the railway bridge on the approach to the town from Sandford.
- c) The Town Clerk suggested that a sponsorship scheme be introduced for the Saxon roundabout. After discussion the Committee agreed to give the original sponsors until the end of summer 2012 before launching a new sponsorship scheme with bids invited from local businesses. The Town Clerk agreed to bring a report on a potential sponsorship scheme for the Saxon roundabout to the next meeting.

It was:-

RESOLVED that the above be noted.

52. LENGTHSMAN EQUIPMENT

The Committee discussed purchasing a suitable handcart for the Lengthsman to use around Wareham, particularly in the town centre where access with the Council's van was restricted in the narrow lanes.

It was:-

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Town Clerk be delegated to purchase a suitable substantial handcart for the Lengthsman.

53. ROUND THE TABLE

- The Committee agreed to purchase a hose for use at the Library garden.
- Councillor Mrs S Elmes suggested writing to all local organisations asking them to send a representative to be a member of the Wareham in Bloom committee.
- Councillor Mrs S Elmes suggested allocating specific job roles to each member of the Committee. It was agreed to place this on the next Committee agenda.

- It was suggested that more wild flowers should be encouraged on the Walls and possibly at Bowling Green. The Committee agreed to investigate further.
- The Town Clerk suggested that the committee should consider updating the Wareham in Bloom logo. It was agreed that Mrs Wainwright be asked to speak to the local schools about a possible competition to design a new logo.
- The Town Clerk suggested that the Committee hold a 'Young Gardener of the Year' competition. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would bring further information to the next meeting.

54. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

- The Chairman asked the Committee to consider appointing a new chairman in due course.
- The Chairman asked the Committee to bring ideas about environmental issues and recycling to the next meeting.
- It was agreed that the baskets would be taken down during the last week in September. The Chairman and Town Clerk to liaise over a suitable date.
- The Caretaker and Lengthsman to be asked to tackle the brambles at St Martins Church. The Town Clerk agreed to write an article for the local press.

55. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as **Wednesday 16th November 2011 at 7.00p.m. in the Council Chamber.**

The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

Chairman.....