

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAREHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, WAREHAM AT 7.30 P.M.**

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

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

**Members of the public present: Nil**

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Town Clerk welcomed Committee members to the meeting and called for nominations for Chairman. On a proposal by Mrs M Wainwright and seconded by Mrs P Bowyer-Davies it was:-

**RESOLVED** that Councillor E Osmond be elected Chairman of the Wareham in Bloom Committee for the Civic Year 2011/2012.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

On a proposal by Mrs P Bowyer-Davis and seconded by Mrs M Wainwright it was:-

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs S Elmes be elected Vice Chairman of the Wareham in Bloom Committee for the Civic Year 2011/2012.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs R Osmond due to illness.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**5. MINUTES OF THE WAREHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

The minutes of the Wareham in Bloom Committee meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:

Page 15, Minute 46, line 26 delete "Mrs" insert "Miss"  
Page 16, Minute 48, title delete "Inititives" insert "Initiatives"

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

Minute 28 - The Woodland Trust – Tree Planting Scheme. The Chairman reported that there had been a good turnout of over 20 people. The Town Clerk had written an article for the Wareham Directory.

Minute 51- Litter Pick – This had not taken place due to a clash with the tree planting event. It was hoped to hold a litter picking event in the autumn.

## 7. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was received from the Administration Officer and is attached to these minutes. The Chairman reported that several more large donations were expected.

It was:

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

## 8. LONG TERM PROJECTS FOR 2010/11

### FLOWER BED SCHEME AT WAREHAM POLICE STATION

- The flower bed had been replanted with support from several members of the Royal British Legion and the local Cub Scout group.

### WAREHAM LIBRARY GARDEN

- It was reported that the Women's Institute had planted up the flower beds with sustainable sage and ivy plants.

### LONG TROUGH OUTSIDE RED LION PUBLIC HOUSE

- Mrs P Bowyer-Davis reported that she had met with the owners of the Red Lion and they had agreed to a planter being positioned outside the premises. They were also prepared to sponsor it; however the building works were likely to take another six weeks during which time scaffolding would still be around the building.

### ANY FURTHER ENHANCEMENTS

- Mrs P Bowyer-Davis reported that the Camera Club would like to make the January competition open to all.
- Miss D Carr reported that a Leylandi hedge was causing an obstruction. The Town Clerk confirmed that under the Highways Act 1980 the Town Council had certain powers to take action and asked that he be notified of any addresses where overhanging hedges were a problem so that they could be investigated.

It was:

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

## 9. ROUNDABOUT AT NORTH CAUSEWAY

The Town Clerk reported that following on from the launch event a press release had been sent to the Purbeck Gazette and the Council's website would be updated with a newsletter in the near future. There had also been an item on BBC Radio Solent. Mr S Goldsack will be providing more planting at a later date. The Committee discussed sending a letter of thanks and a copy of the photos on CD to Mr P Andrews.

The Chairman reported that he had been offered a boat to be adapted to replicate a Saxon boat to be placed on the roundabout and planted up.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that the Committee agree in principle to a replica Saxon boat being placed on the roundabout. The Committee also agreed to send a photograph to Dr Franz König from Hemsbach.

## 10. ANGLIAN HOME IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR FINALIST COMMUNITIES – FUND APPLICATION

The Town Clerk reported on the Anglian Home Improvements fund. Mrs M Wainwright suggested that the Committee put forward an application to support the “A Year in the Garden” project which is running at Lady St Mary First School. The project aims to provide garden and allotment space at the school for use by children and parents to grow fruit and vegetables.

It was:

**RESOLVED** that Wareham in Bloom submit an application to the Anglian Home Improvements Finalist fund to provide a raised allotment bed at the Lady St Mary First School as part of the “A Year in the Garden” project.

## 11. FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES/SPONSORSHIP

The Chairman reported that he would be chasing up more sponsorship donations. Miss D Carr suggested that the Committee produce notelets showing pictures of Wareham in Bloom to be sold at forthcoming events. Councillor Mrs S Elmes agreed to design a prototype.

Mrs M Wainwright reported that the next fundraising sale would be held on the 28th May in the Corn Exchange. It was confirmed that the event would include a stall running a plant seed swop. The Town Clerk agreed to provide an “A” frame publishing the sale of tea and cakes.

It was:

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

## 12. SOUTH & SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2011

- The Town Clerk reported to the Committee that entrants in the Champion of Champions Small Town category were:
  - Angmering in Bloom
  - Battle in Bloom
  - Fordingbridge
  - Hersham in bloom
  - Wareham in Bloom
  - Wimborne in Bloom.
- The Town Clerk reported that the date of the judging of the South and South east in Bloom Competition would be **10:30am on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**. The judges would be Mr John Lockwood and Mr Brian Stephens. It was confirmed that a 15 minute PowerPoint presentation would be made at the start of the judging. The Portfolio had to be submitted by the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and an operational meeting would be held in the Town Clerks office prior to its submission.

It was:

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

**13. BRITAIN IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2011**

The Town Clerk reported that a date had not yet been agreed for judging however it would take place in the first week in August. The judges would be Rae Beckwith and Sharon Thomas. A separate portfolio was required to be submitted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that the above be noted.

**14. ROUND THE TABLE - MEMBERS SUGGESTIONS**

- The Town Clerk reported that the planters for Hauses Field were ready to be delivered by the supplier. The Chairman had received a quotation from Mr J Annaheim to fill the planters with soil/compost and to supply and plant with large sensory plants. Wareham District Development Trust had agreed to pay for the cost of the planters and the planting.

Mrs R Longstaff suggested that the cub scouts who helped with the planting of the flower bed at the Police Station be given certificates. Mrs R Longstaff to provide names of the cub scouts to the Town Clerk for the certificates. The Committee agreed to present certificates to the cub scouts at the Wareham in Bloom presentation evening.

It was:-

**RESOLVED** that Mr J Annaheim's quotation in the sum of £826.00 be accepted and he be engaged to carry out the planting of the troughs and to invite WDDT to participate in any publicity.

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

None

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 at 7.00p.m. in the Council Chamber.**

The meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.

Chairman.....