

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAREHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd JUNE 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), Mrs M. Wainwright, Miss D Carr, Mrs J Edwards, Mrs R Osmond

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

Members of the public present: Nil

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

19. MINUTES OF THE WAREHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18th May 2011

The minutes of the Wareham in Bloom Committee meeting of 18th May 2011 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments:

Page 2, Minute 8, line 20 delete “ENHANCEMENSTS” insert “ENHANCEMENTS”

20. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th MAY 2011

Minute 28 - The Woodland Trust – Tree Planting Scheme. The Chairman reported that he and Mrs Osmond had planted the remainder of the saplings from the Woodland Trust. The Town Clerk reported that at a recent NALC conference he had meet with representatives from the Woodland Trust who had said that Wareham in Bloom could apply for more tree saplings in September, to replace several that had died due to the April ‘drought’ following planting at Hauses Field.

Minute 8 - Police Station flower bed – Mrs R Longstaff had clipped the box hedges however some forking through was required to clear the weeds.

Minute 14 - Hauses Field planters – These are now completed and local resident Mrs Selby had offered to look after them.

21. FINANCIAL REPORT

Due to the Finance Administrator being away from work on sick leave following an operation there was no financial report available.

It was:

RESOLVED that the above be noted.

22. LONG TERM PROJECTS FOR 2011/12

LONG TROUGH OUTSIDE RED LION PUBLIC HOUSE

- The owners of the Red Lion have invited the Wareham in Bloom Committee to an opening ceremony at 7pm on Saturday 25th June. Timber was needed; however they had agreed to sponsor the flowers and soil.
- Mrs P Bowyer- Davis had agreed with Purbeck School that pupils will design and make the trough using existing wood from their store. A rustic look was favoured. Dimensions were agreed and Mrs Bowyer-Davis would follow through the project, including the engraving of a plaque which stated 'Constructed by Purbeck School working in partnership with Wareham in Bloom July 2011'

ANY FURTHER ENHANCEMENTS

- The Chairman reported that he had been approached to ask the Committee to consider redesigning the roundabout on the A351 flyover approach (immediately before it crosses the railway line). He had been offered two metres of track plus a buggy which could be used to reflect the clay mining history of the area. It was agreed that some public consultation should be undertaken on this project before going ahead and that it would be re-visited at the next meeting.

It was:

RESOLVED that the above points be noted.

23. SAXON ROUNDABOUT AT NORTH CAUSEWAY

The Chairman reported that he had received the offer of a clinker built boat which could be adapted to replicate a Saxon boat, to be placed on the roundabout and planted up. It was still available and could be achieved quite soon.

It was:

RESOLVED that the above be noted.

24. FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES/SPONSORSHIP

- a) The Chairman reported that more sponsorship funding was expected. Sainsburys Head Office had initially declined to donate any funding, however the local manager had asked them to reconsider.
- b) Mrs M Wainwright reported that the fundraising sale held on the 28th May had raised over £660. The date of next year's sale had not yet been agreed.
- c) Mrs P Bowyer-Davis reported that a neighbour had donated £15 in return for her garden being watered whilst she was away.
- d) Councillor Mrs S Elmes agreed to design cards and notelets for sale, possibly using photos taken by Mrs P Bowyer-Davis.

It was:

RESOLVED that the above points be noted.

25. SOUTH & SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2011

- The date of the judging of the South and South East in Bloom Competition would be **10:30am on Wednesday 13th July**. The judges would be Mr John Lockwood and Mr Brian Stephens.
- The Chairman reported that the Community Payback Team had been weed clearing around the town and together with the weed spraying carried out by Dorset Works and the work of the new Lengthsman the Town was looking very presentable.

- Mrs M Wainwright had looked at the comments made by last year's judges and reported that there was a need for the route to be designed such that it maximised the points available. One judge's comment was about getting people on the route that were relevant to the area being judged i.e. John Scott of WDDT who had arranged for the South Bank area to be tidied up.
- Publicity in the town centre - a display would be put in Farwell's window and the Anglebury Hotel had offered the use of one of their windows for a display. Mrs R Longstaff agreed to provide the floral displays.
- The Committee agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Town Clerk and Mrs M Wainwright would meet at 9:30 am on Tuesday 28th June to agree the judging route.
- Mrs M Wainwright pointed out that Lady St Mary School had improved its appearance and it might be possible to get the parents and children involved.
- Mrs P Bowyer-Davis suggested asking the pupils of Purbeck School who were involved in making the trough to be outside the Red Lion to meet the judges.
- Mrs R Osmond agreed to provide light refreshments for the judges.
- The Town Clerk was preparing a 'Powerpoint' presentation for the judges which would include some fresh details not in the portfolio, possibly the list of sponsors.
- Mrs Longstaff and Mrs Bowyer-Davis would set out the Council Chamber.
- The Town Mayor would be asked to meet the judges at the Town Hall.
- The Committee agreed to ask the Town Crier to be available during judging.

It was:

RESOLVED that the above be noted.

26. **BRITAIN IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2011**

- The date of the judging would be **9:00am on the 9th August**, the judges would be Rae Beckwith and Sharon Thomas. A separate portfolio was required to be submitted by the 2nd July 2011.
- It was pointed out that if the allotments were to be part of the tour the judges had to be notified in advance and an extra 15 minutes would be allowed.
- The Committee agreed to carry out the same tasks as agreed for the South and South East in Bloom Competition.
- The Chairman has put up a notice on the notice board.
- Mr P Webb had produced notices to be distributed around the Town Shops.
- The Chairman to approach the Red Lion Hotel, following its refurbishment, to see if they would be able to provide a light lunch for the judges.
- The Committee requested the Town Clerk to contact RHS Britain in Bloom and inform them that they would be visiting an allotment site, thus qualifying for 15 minutes extra on the route.

It was:-

RESOLVED that the above be noted.

27. **WAREHAM IN BLOOM WEBSITE**

The Town Clerk reported that he would have a meeting with the web manager on Monday 27th June to update the Website, which needed a number of additions to be fully up and running.

It was:-

RESOLVED that the above be noted.

28. WAREHAM IN BLOOM LOCAL COMPETITION

- a) The Town Clerk reported that the judging will take place on the morning of the 8th July.

It was agreed that the Committee would visit the following areas of the town to provide a shortlist of properties/premises:

South East	-	Mrs P Bowyer –Davis
South West	-	Mrs M Wainwright
North East	-	Mrs M Wainwright
North West	-	Mrs J Edwards
Northmoor	-	The Town Clerk and John Myburgh
Northport	-	Miss D Carr
Carey/Wessex Oval	-	Mr E Osmond

The list of categories for the competition is as follows:

Best Public House
Best Street
Best Front of House
Best Front Garden
Best Arid Garden
Best Civic Building
Best Business

The Committee agreed to shortlist properties/premises that had a “wow” factor. **All lists of potential winners in each area of Wareham to be with the Town Clerk by Wednesday 6th June at the latest.**

The Allotment Societies are to be reminded to provide plot numbers for identification for the Best kept Allotment Competition which would also be held in the near future.

- b) The Committee discussed the purchase of a new shield to be awarded to the Best Front Garden to replace the “Eco-Composting” Trophy. The Shield to be sponsored by the Town Clerk donating his fee for speaking at the Herston Garden Club in October and Mrs M Wainwright. Pam Bowyer-Davies also gave a donation of £15.00 to the trophy which she had gained from watering her neighbours garden.

It was:-

RESOLVED that the above be noted.

29. ANGLIAN HOME IMPROVEMENTS FUND

The Town Clerk reported that he had been notified that the recent submission to the Anglian Home Improvement Fund had been successful however the amount of the award was unknown. The original submission had asked for a grant of £150 to be spent on a raised allotment bed for the Lady St Mary School “A Year in the Garden Project”. He was expecting a reply to an e-mail he had sent the previous Friday and would promulgate when received.

It was:-

RESOLVED that the above be noted.

30. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Committee agreed to consider nominating people for the special awards in the Britain in Bloom Competition. The Committee agreed that the full list should be delegated to the Chairman/Vice Chairman/Town Clerk at their forthcoming meeting to discuss the Judges' Route.

31. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as **Wednesday 14th September 2011 at 7.00p.m. in the Council Chamber.**

The meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.

Chairman.....