



Minutes of a meeting of the Wareham in Bloom Committee held on Wednesday 26 February 2020 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East St, Wareham at 7.00pm.

Committee Members Present: Councillors C Turner (Chairman), P Bowyer-Davies, S Dean, Councillor B Ezzard, J Hall, R Hooper, G Johnstone, Councillor L Kirk, B Rogers, M Wainwright, W Wheeler

Volunteers: David Hinton, Misako Whyte, Sarah Bishen

Officers present: T Bailey, Committee Clerk

15. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mary Wainwright

16. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17. Public participation time

There were no members of the public present.

18. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Wareham in Bloom Committee held on 17 July 2019 were presented by the Chairman.

Resolved that the minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

19. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Minute 12 – Agreed to not pursue the purchase of t-shirts as the majority of members had t-shirts.

Minute 13 – Kelly Marshall (Purbeck Rail Partnership) has applied for some funding from Dorset Council to replace the bus shelter at the Train Station.

20. Funding - Past

Members and Volunteers were thanked for the many successful fundraising events that had happened over the past year, of particular note was the:

Spring Sale

Coffee Morning – Pam Bowyer

Coffee Morning – Ross Hooper

Italian Evening with Quiz and Auction of Promises

Christmas Sale

21. Funding – Future

Pam and Ross would contact the Library with a view to holding a coffee morning in the library garden (weather permitting), on 25 April 2020 to mark the anniversary of the passing of Eric Osmond.

A Quiz night and meal would be discussed at the next meeting.

The Spring Wareham in Bloom sale was arranged for 9 May 2020.

Jobs were allocated as follows:

- Roseanne – posters
- Pam – Bric a Brac
- Gordon – books – (everyone was asked to donate books if possible – especially gardening books)
- Sarah – Plants – (everyone was asked to start to grow plants in readiness for the sale or donate plants)
- Sue – Tombola
- Ross – Door
- Carol – Raffle
- Wendy – Teas
- Beryl – obtain raffle prizes
- Jacquie – crying
- Carnival – wine & water
- Carnival - Human Fruit Machine
- Sue Hooper – Cakes
- Jacquie & Roseanne - Guess the weight (teddy - Carol, jar of sweets - Beryl, Fruit cake - Lucia).
- To be confirmed - Sweet table

22. Financial Statement

The Committee Clerk gave an update on the financial statement and stressed that whilst enough money had been raised last year to cover the plants, it would be necessary to increase fundraising in the coming year to meet the annual costs.

22. Press and Publicity Officer Update

As the Press and Publicity Officer was not present, it was not possible to receive an update. The Chairman hoped that there could be some coverage of WIB in the next issue of Wareham Tower Chimes in order to raise awareness.

23. Maps of the Town highlighting areas of responsibility for the In Bloom Committee

A query was raised as to the areas that are the responsibility of committee/volunteers to maintain and whether these could be shown on a map. The Committee Clerk explained that as it was logistically difficult for many of the committee members/volunteers to carry water to planters, this task had been passed mostly to the community. The remaining areas that needed watering were discussed and

members volunteered to water and dead head specific areas, in addition to fundraising. It was agreed that a map was not necessary.

WATERING

- Saxon Roundabout trough – Jacquie Hall
- Westgate trough – Jacquie Hall
- Biotrack beds – Bill Rogers
- The Town Pump – TBC
- Rempstone Beds - TBC
- St Martins on the Wall – Sue Dean
- Church Green trough – Ross Hooper
- North Street to Dollins Lane – Ross Hooper
- Dollins Lane to St Martins on the Wall – Sue Dean
- Howards Lane Toilets – Ross Hooper
- St Johns Hill Barrels – TBC

Members were urged find a replacement, or contact the Town Hall, if they were unable to water for any reason as it had become apparent that once a planter had been allowed to dry out, it was virtually impossible to reinstate it to its former glory. It was important to be aware of this if plans were afoot to compete in the coming years.

DEADHEADING/GENERAL MAINTENANCE/FUNDRAISING

Some members preferred to do other tasks in addition to or instead of watering and take responsibility for areas as follows:-

- Roseanne – Fundraising
- Wendy – Fundraising and dead heading (Town Hall)
- Lucia – Fundraising and dead heading (Town Hall)
- Pam – Fundraising and dead heading (Rempstone Centre)
- Bill – Fundraising and dead heading (General)
- Sue – Fundraising and dead heading (North Street from Dollins Lane to, and including, St Martins on the wall)
- Carol – Fundraising, dead heading and general assistance
- David – Fundraising, general assistance
- Sarah – Fundraising, litter watch
- Misako – Fundraising, planting
- Beryl – Fundraising, general assistance
- Gordon – Alms Houses and The Town Pound

24. Round the Table

It was confirmed that the summer plants were expected to arrive between mid to end of April, at which time it would be necessary to remove the winter plants.

Many of the sponsorship plaques that had been purchased in the past were in poor state of repair but where possible and where the organisation continued to sponsor WIB, they would be placed in appropriate planters in the summer.

It was agreed that there would be a discussion regarding future competitions at the next meeting of the Committee.

A working party was suggested to clear and replant the two large beds at the Rempstone Centre. It was agreed that a group would meet at 10am on Monday 23 March at 10am with gardening tools. A list would be drawn up of plants that would be low maintenance, drought resistant and provide all year-round colour. Members were urged to take photos before work commenced as these would be useful for publicity in the future.

Sue Dean requested the reinstatement of the double trough that had been outside her house in previous years but had not appeared last year.

The Committee members and volunteers confirmed that they were clear as to what needed to be done in the coming months and had all the information that they required.

Bill agreed to plant some remaining daffodil bulbs in the biotrack beds to flower next year.

25. Any other items the Chair deems urgent

There were no items that the Chair deemed urgent.

26. Date of next meeting and subsequent meetings

It was noted that the next meeting and subsequent meetings of the Committee were scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on 15 April 2020, 22 July 2020 and 14 October 2020 at 7pm.

Chairman..... Date.....