

# Hailsham In Bloom Sub-Committee

Report (Minutes) of the Hailsham in Bloom Sub-Committee held in the Fleur de Lys Council Chamber/Meeting Room, Town Council Offices, Inglenook, Market Street, Hailsham, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 at 19.30hrs.

## Members Present:

- Cllrs Mrs J. Bentley, J. Bentley-Astor (Chairman), Mrs S. Cottingham, J. Puttick (Vice-Chairman), Mrs M. Rowe
- Miss C. Bentley-Astor – *Youth Representative*
- Mr H. Bell – *Hailsham Parochial Church Council*
- Mrs B. Henderson, Mr J. Henderson, Mrs J. Woodley – *Hailsham Horticultural Society*
- Mrs J. Simes – *Environment Hailsham*

## Officers in Attendance:

- T. Hall
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### 1. Apologies for Absence

- These were received from Cllr B. Bentley and Mr L. Lovelady.

### 2. Declaration of Interest

- None were received.

### 3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were confirmed as a true and correct record. distributed

### 4. Orchard & Sensory Garden

- The Chairman confirmed that the date for the planting and installation of components at the combined orchard and sensory garden will be Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010. The official opening of the garden will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010.
- The Vice-Chairman circulated the final draft of the design plan for the sensory garden, which outlined the design of the garden's five separate areas (pertaining to each of the human senses: touch, taste, smell, sound and sight), and the various garden components and accessories, including bird feeders, wind chimes and the hand-crafted windmill which has been donated by a local resident.
- The Chairman agreed to contact various local builders and builders' merchant companies requesting the donation of bricks and manpower required for the construction of the garden's raised plant beds. Regional and national charities servicing the blind, partially sighted, deaf and disabled will also be contacted regarding volunteer assistance.
- Cllr Mrs J. Bentley reported that a company selling fruit trees at reduced prices has been sourced and that a final costing for the intended quantity and species of tree will be presented at the next sub-committee meeting. The Vice-Chairman confirmed that the orchard will consist of 28 small fruit trees (including apple, pear, plum and cherry) and one large (ornamental) cherry tree on each of the four corners of the site.
- The Sub-Committee discussed in detail the species of plants that will be installed in the sensory garden (in each of the five sections), and confirmed that certain seasonal plant types will need to be installed on a regular basis in order to maintain maximum all-year round colour and appeal. A provisional plant species list was agreed by all members present and the Chairman requested that a final inventory should be presented in

spreadsheet form at the next sub-committee meeting and a final consensus of opinion obtained.

#### **5. Town Gateway Floral Markers**

- There was nothing further to report on the town gateway floral marker redesign project.

#### **6. Tree Planting & Avenue Creation**

- The Chairman reported that a representative from East Sussex Highways has requested additional underground utility service plans for Forest View to the ones already provided. These plans will be obtained from Southern Water within the next few days and forwarded to East Sussex Highways for consideration.

#### **7. Creation of Flower Nursery**

- There was nothing further to report on the flower nursery creation project.

#### **8. Hailsham Country Park Wildflower Meadow(s)**

- The Chairman requested that the original idea for Grovelands Primary School pupils to pot and nurture the wildflower seeds (in partnership with Firstfields Resource Centre) is to be abandoned in favour of planting the seeds directly into the ground at the Hailsham Country Park in their present uncultivated state. The Chairman requested that the Committee Clerk collect the seeds and pots from the school as soon as possible and store them at the Town Council Offices until further notice.

#### **9. Town Centre/Twinning Floral Display**

- There was nothing further to report on the town centre floral display project(s)

#### **10. Tidying of 'Twittens' & Alleyways**

- The Chairman reported that East Sussex County Council have confirmed that they will be undertaking maintenance work at the Western Road/Grenadier Hotel 'twitten' during March and April 2010. Therefore, this particular pathway "clean-up" will be carried out by the sub-committee in May 2010 as opposed to early March 2010 as originally planned.

#### **11. Creation of Bee Farm at Hailsham Country Park**

- The Chairman reported that a final design plan for the bee shelter will be presented at the next sub-committee meeting.

#### **12. Repainting of Recycling Point Mural Displays**

- The Committee Clerk reported that the preparation of the wooden boards at the Vicarage Field/Waitrose car park site will be undertaken within the next two weeks. The painting of the murals can then be carried out by young people from the Square Youth Café as planned.
- The Chairman suggested that a local Brownie or Girl Guide group could redesign and repaint the weather-damaged murals located at the Victoria Road recycling site, as an additional Hailsham In Bloom project for 2010. Mr H. Bell agreed to contact a local Brownie group leader to discuss this possibility and report any developments at the next sub-committee meeting.

#### **13. Creation of Nature Reserve in Hailsham**

- There was nothing to report on the nature reserve creation project.

#### **14. Use of Empty Shop Unit for Public Information Display**

- There was nothing to report on the public information display/open days.

#### **15. Hailsham In Bloom Film Night**

- The Chairman reported that only a limited number of tickets for the screening of *Silent Running* have been sold to date, although additional promotion of the event will be carried out within the next two weeks. Any developments and an update on confirmed ticket sales will be provided at the next sub-committee meeting.

#### **16. Date of Next Meeting**

- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.35hrs.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 19.30hrs in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room, Town Council Offices.

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