

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 at 19.30hrs.

## Members Present:

- Cllrs J. Bentley-Astor (Chairman), Mrs S. Cottingham, J. Puttick (Vice-Chairman)
- Mr H. Bell – *Hailsham Parochial Church Council*
- Mr D. Cottingham – *Resident*
- Mr L. Lovelady – *Hailsham Lions' Club*
- Mrs J. Simes – *Environment Hailsham*
- Mr R. Grocock – *Resident*
- Mrs S. Rakha – *Resident*
- Mr J. Henderson – *Hailsham Horticultural Society*

## Officers in Attendance:

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

- These were received from Cllr B. Bentley, Cllr Mrs J. Bentley, Miss C. Bentley-Astor, Mrs B. Henderson, Cllr Mrs M. Rowe and Mrs J. Woodley.

### 2. Declaration of Interest

- None were received.

### 3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

### 4. Creation of Bee Shelter at Hailsham Country Park

- The Chairman reported that a bee shelter kit has been purchased and will be installed at the Hailsham Country Park's wildflower meadow within the next few days. It was agreed that Miss C. Bentley-Astor will assemble the bee shelter.

### 5. Creation of Flower Nursery

- The Chairman reported that further correspondence from Wealden District Council concerning planning permission to erect a poly-tunnel at Marshlands Primary School has been received, outlining typical planning application costs involved. Any developments will be reported at future meetings.

### 6. Victoria Road Recycling Murals

- Mr H. Bell reported that work on the painting of the new recycling-themed murals will be completed within the next four days and installed at the Victoria Road recycling point as soon as possible thereafter.

### 7. South & South East in Bloom Judges' Tour

- The Chairman confirmed that the sites to include as part of this year's main South & South East in Bloom judges' tour are Hailsham High Street (town centre floral displays), Vicarage Field and Victoria Road car parks (recycling-themed murals), the Dennis King Memorial Orchard and Sensory Garden, Hailsham Country Park (wildflower meadow, tree

planting and bee shelter), the new Ersham Road town gateway floral marker, Marshlands Primary School (proposed flower nursery site), Nursery Path ('twillen' tidying), and the business premises of E&S Heating and Ventilation Ltd (to discuss their involvement in recent projects, including sponsorship and donations). Additional tour stops will include the winners of the following Hailsham In Bloom competitions: Best Kept Front Garden, Best Wildlife Garden, Best Allotment, Best Public House Display, Best Business Premises and the Hailsham Heritage Award.

- The Chairman stated that this year's multimedia presentation to South & South East in Bloom judges will feature brief reports on this year's Hailsham In Bloom Public Information Day, Hailsham Pavilion Film Night, Hailsham Lions' Country & Game Fayre, spring bulb planting, Marshlands Primary School flower nursery plans, the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden (planning, construction and official opening day), the Town Council's pressure washing activities, and the recent launch of the Hailsham In Bloom Facebook page.

## **8. Hailsham In Bloom Competitions**

- The Chairman reported that this year's Hailsham In Bloom competition winners are as follows: Best Kept Front Garden (Mr R. Cousens, Moor Park), Best Wildlife Garden (Mrs S. Farbrother, Hawthylands Crescent), Best Allotment (Mr J. Freestone, Battle Road allotments), Best Public House Display (White Hart, Lower Horsebridge) and Hailsham Heritage Award (Hailsham Grange). The Committee Clerk confirmed that the winners (and runners-up where applicable) have been notified and invited to the South & South East in Bloom Judges' Presentation event. The winners of the Best Business Premises (Small) and Best Business Premises (Large) competitions have yet to be agreed, and the winners will be notified as soon as possible thereafter and asked to participate in the official town tour.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- The Chairman reported that the South & South East in Bloom Judges' Tour start time has been changed from 9am to 8.30am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010.
- The Vice-Chairman reported that Grovelands Community Primary School has won this year's Eco-School Bronze Award, an international award program run by the Foundation for Environmental Education, guiding schools on their sustainable journey. Activities organised by the school throughout the past year have included 'low carbon days' and various other activities. It was agreed that brief details on these activities could be included in the multimedia presentation to judges.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.55 hrs.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 19.30hrs in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room, Town Council Offices.

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