

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 26th May 2010 at 19.30hrs.

Members Present:

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

Officers in Attendance:

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1. Apologies for Absence

- These were received from Cllr B. Bentley, Cllr Mrs J. Bentley, Cllr Mrs S. Cottingham and Mrs B. Henderson.

2. Declaration of Interest

- None were received.

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 12th May 2010 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

4. Orchard & Sensory Garden

- The Chairman reported that the official sensory garden planting day which took place on Sunday 23rd May was a successful, well-attended event. The majority of the ground-level and raised bed plants were installed on the day and the remaining plants (which have only recently been delivered to the Town Council Offices) will be planted within the next few days in time for the official opening of the garden on Saturday 5th June 2010.
- The Chairman reported that additional gates (to enclose the works area and the entrance into the Grovelands School car park) have been ordered and will be installed within the next ten days.
- The Chairman presented a final design for the garden entrance sign which was approved by all members present, and requested that the Committee Clerk submit the designs to a local printing company and place an order as soon as possible.
- The Vice-Chairman offered to donate a bird bath for the sensory garden and provide funding for the plaque which is to be placed on the memorial bench dedicated to the late Hailsham In Bloom member and Environment Hailsham co-founder, Dennis King.

5. Town Gateway Floral Markers

- The Chairman reported that the recently constructed town entry floral marker containers will be delivered to the Town Council Offices within the next few days. The Chairman requested that Mrs J. Simes formulate a list of plant species to present at the next sub-committee meeting. It is estimated that the floral markers will be painted and installed with

new planting by mid or late June 2010.

6. Creation of Bee Shelter and 'Bee-Friendly' Planting at Hailsham Country Park

- The Chairman reported that additional clay ridged tiles have been sourced from a local company and any developments will be reported at the next sub-committee meeting.

7. Creation of Flower Nursery

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

8. Hailsham Lions Game & Country Fayre: Sunday 6th June 2010

- The Chairman confirmed that Hailsham In Bloom will be attending the Hailsham Lions' Game & Country Fayre on Sunday 6th June 2010 and, as stallholders on the day, will promote various Hailsham In Bloom projects, local environmental quality awareness, as well as volunteer opportunities for members of the public.

9. South & South East in Bloom Judges' Tour

- The Chairman confirmed that this year's judges' tour, which takes place on Tuesday 6th July 2010, will commence at the Hailsham Community Hall, Vicarage Lane. An initial presentation of this year's community projects and achievements will be given to the judges and others in attendance at this venue.
- It was agreed that the sites to include as part of this year's main 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), at least one of the new town gateway floral markers, the proposed nature reserve site, as well as the winners of the Best Kept Front Garden, Best Wildlife Garden, Best Allotment, Best Public House Display, Best Business Premises (large and small) and Hailsham Heritage Award competitions.
- The Chairman stated that a final, detailed route schedule with precise stop timings will be produced within the next few weeks and a 'test-run' for the route will also be carried out shortly before the official judges' tour date. Additional suggestions for tour stops will be provided at the next sub-committee meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.00 hrs.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th June 2010 at 19.30hrs in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room, Town Council Offices.

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