

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 28th April 2010 at 19.30hrs.

Members Present:

- Cllrs J. Bentley-Astor (Chairman), J. Puttick (Vice-Chairman)
- Miss C. Bentley-Astor – *Youth Representative*
- Mr H. Bell – *Hailsham Parochial Church Council*
- Mr L. Lovelady – *Hailsham Lions' Club*
- Mrs J. Simes – *Environment Hailsham*
- Mr J. Henderson, Mrs J. Woodley – *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, Cllr Mrs S. Cottingham, Mr D. Cottingham, Mrs B. Henderson and Cllr Mrs M. Rowe.

2. Declaration of Interest

- None were received.

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 14th April 2010 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

4. Orchard & Sensory Garden

- The Chairman reported that preparatory work for the hard landscaping of the combined orchard and sensory garden has commenced and that the brambles and other unwanted plants have been successfully removed from the perimeter of the site.
- The Chairman reported that quotes have been received from local craftsmen for the construction and installation of the wooden pergola, raised plant beds and perimeter fencing at reduced rates. Any developments will be reported at the next sub-committee meeting.
- The Vice-Chairman reported that Cllr Bill Crittenden has agreed to construct a wooden gate for the entrance into the garden, and it was agreed that fencing will be installed on both sides of the entrance to ensure security and total enclosure of the garden.
- The Chairman reported that graded soil (blended with greenery mulch and composted) has been obtained from a local company and will be delivered to Grovelands Community Primary School on the day before additional work on the hard landscaping and raised bed construction is due to be carried out.
- The Vice-Chairman presented a final list of plant species to purchase and requested that the Committee Clerk place orders for the plants and arrange for them to be delivered to the Town Council Offices in time for the official planting days (Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd May 2010).
- The Chairman commended Mr L. Lovelady and the Hailsham Lions' Club for their provision of funding for the purchase of the plants and thanked them for their generosity.

5. Town Gateway Floral Markers

- The Chairman reported that work on the fabrication of the six additional plant containers has commenced and should be ready for collection within the next ten days. It is estimated that the new town entry floral markers will be reinstalled in mid May 2010.

6. Tree Planting At Hailsham Country Park

- The Chairman reported that the eight lime trees recently purchased for the Hailsham Country Park's Princess Diana Memorial Path will be planted by Town Council Works staff within the next few days. Plans for the planting of the two field maples at the base of the park's wildflower meadow mound will be made within the next two weeks.

7. Creation of Flower Nursery

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

8. Public Information Day: Saturday 8th May 2010

- The Chairman confirmed that Wealden District Council's recycling team and South East Water's water conservation promoters will be attending the public information day. The Hailsham Lions Club has agreed to assist and the Town Crier will advertise the event on the day to local shoppers.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.45hrs.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th May 2010 at 19.30hrs in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room, Town Council Offices.

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