

HAILSHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

REPORT (Minutes) of the meeting of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee, held at the Fleur de Lys Council Chamber, Market Street, Hailsham, on Monday 31st October 2011 at 7.30 pm.

Prior to commencement of formal business, a period of not more than 15 minutes was assigned for the purpose of permitting members of the public to address the Committee or ask questions (on matters relevant to the responsibilities under the direction of this committee).

None Presented.

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7/80 **Present:** Cllrs J. Bentley-Astor, Mrs M. Burt, R. Grocock, S. McAuliffe and Mrs D. Ryan; Ms S. Mulley.

81 **Officers Present:** Mr T. Hall (Committee Clerk).

82 **Apologies For Absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Mr H. Bell, Cllr Mrs J. Bentley, Mrs B. Henderson, Mr J. Henderson, Mr L. Lovelady, Mr J. Pilgrim, Cllr Mrs M. Rowe, Mr J. Ratcliffe and Mrs L. Woodley.

Declarations of Interest

83 None were received.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

84 **RESOLVED** to note that the Minutes and Reports of the Meeting of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee (Ref: HIB/11/7/63-79) held on the 26th September 2011 were confirmed as being a correct record and adopted by the Town Council at a meeting held on 12th October 2011.

Matters Arising

85 None were received.

Committee Expenditure

86 **RESOLVED** to recommend to note and adopt the summary of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee Income and Expenditure for the period ending 30th September 2011 as circulated with the Agenda and as Appendix HIB/11/7/87A to these Minutes.

87 Councillor McAuliffe proposed the monthly Committee budget balance sheets should be more specific in terms of expenditure details, and should clearly outline what particular projects the costings for individual expenditure items listed pertain to, as opposed to merely listing the cheque payees. Councillor McAuliffe requested that the Committee Clerk liaise with the Finance Officer to action this change.

Creation of Diamond Jubilee Garden

88 The Chairman circulated a preliminary list of rose species for the Diamond Jubilee Garden's raised beds and walkways, including full costings. All

members present agreed to allocate approximately £550 towards the purchase of roses. An order will be placed in the coming weeks.

- 89 The Chairman proposed that a series of plaques should be installed on each of the rose beds indicating each rose type, similar to the plaques used for the Hailsham Heritage Trail last year. All members present agreed to the proposal.

Dennis King Memorial Orchard & Sensory Garden Improvements

- 90 The Chairman reported that the Dennis King Memorial Orchard and Sensory Garden will be closed from November for winter maintenance. A sign notifying residents of the closure has already been installed at the front entrance to the garden. East Sussex Association of Blind and Partially Sighted People (ESAB), sponsors of the garden project, has confirmed that they would like to be present at the official re-opening of the site next spring.

Creation of New Pond in Hailsham

- 91 Cllr S. McAuliffe reported that a site visit with the land contract managers to discuss the new pond and surrounding landscape has taken place and that they are happy to work with the Committee on the project. The land contract managers stated that under new legislation, all balance ponds on the site are to be maintained by East Sussex County Council, although the landscape surrounding the ponds is likely to be maintained by the developers, so planting work can still be carried out by Committee volunteers around the ponds.

Spring Bulb Planting

- 92 Councillor McAuliffe reported that the developers of the Welbury and Woodholm Farm site have approved the planting of spring bulbs on the roundabout at the top of Gleneagles Drive. Planting will take place by Committee volunteers on Sunday 20th November.
- 93 The Chairman reported that spring bulbs have been planted in the town centre pedestrian guard rail troughs and outside the Citizens' Advice Bureau in Western Road. Planting will take place in Battle Road, South Road, North Street, London Road, Vicarage Lane and in St Mary's churchyard in the coming weeks.

Hailsham In Bloom Plant Nursery

- 94 The Chairman advised that the Committee may need to complete a planning application with Wealden district Council for a Lawful Development Certificate, in order to be able to install a poly tunnel on the Grovelands Farm/Orchard Park site. The Chairman agreed to investigate this further and report any developments at the next Committee meeting.
- 95 All members present agreed to purchase a poly tunnel at a cost of approximately £1,110, which will be actioned by no later than Wednesday 30th November. It was proposed that the plant nursery will be installed and fitted with a suitable water mains supply by Wednesday 1st February 2012.

Questions/Information Forum (at the Chairman's discretion)

- 96 None presented.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 28th November 2011 at 7.30pm in the Fleur de Lys Council Chamber, Market Street, Hailsham.

CHAIRMAN

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