



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Notice is given of a meeting of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee to be held in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room/Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Market Street, Hailsham on **Wednesday 16th January 2013 at 7.30pm.**

Prior to commencement of the formal business a period of not more than 15 minutes will be set aside during which members of the public present will be permitted to address the Committee at the invitation and discretion of the Chairman.

The order of business to be transacted will thereafter be:

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies for absence of appointed members.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
To receive notice of declarations of prejudicial and personal interests in respect of items on this agenda.
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**
To confirm the report (minutes) of the meeting of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee held on Monday 22nd October 2012.
- 4. Committee Expenditure**
To note and adopt the summary of Committee income and expenditure for the period ending 31st March 2013, as at 31st December 2012 (appended hereto).
- 5. Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden Maintenance**
To discuss the replacement of existing plants and other improvements to the site.
- 6. Improvements to Hailsham In Bloom Plant Nursery Site**
To report the latest developments concerning the installation of facilities for use by volunteers and the provision of 'Plot to Plate' vegetable plots for young people.
- 7. Development of Arboretum at Common Pond Site**
To discuss the planting of more trees and the installation of interpretive signage on site.
- 8. Hailsham In Bloom Quiz Night**
To confirm details of the fundraising event which is scheduled to take place on Saturday 19th January 2012.
- 9. Questions/Information Forum (at the Chairman's discretion)**

JOHN HARRISON
Town Clerk
16.01.13

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HAILSHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

REPORT (Minutes) of the meeting of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee, held in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room, Town Council Offices, Market Street, Hailsham, on Wednesday 16th January 2013 at 7.30pm.

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.

HIB/12/5/
73 **Present:** Cllrs Mrs J. Bentley, Mrs M. Burt, R. T. Grocock and Mrs M. Skinner; Mr H. Bell, Mr D. Cottingham, Mrs S. Cottingham, Mr L. Lovelady, Mrs J. McAlone, Ms S. Mulley, Mr J. Ratcliffe and Mr G. Yates.

74 **Officers Present:** T. Hall (Committee Clerk).

75 **Apologies For Absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs D. Bentley-Astor, Mr J. Bentley-Astor, Cllr Mrs M. Rowe and Mrs L. Woodley.

Declarations of Interest

76 None were received.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

77 **RESOLVED** to note that the Minutes and Reports of the Meeting of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee (Ref: HIB/12/4/55-72) held on 22nd October 2012 were confirmed as being a correct record and adopted at the meeting of Hailsham Town Council held on Wednesday 14th November 2012.

Matters Arising

78 None were received.

Committee Expenditure

79 **RESOLVED** to recommend to note and adopt the summary of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee Income and Expenditure for the period ending 31st March 2013 as at 31st December 2012, as circulated with the Agenda and as Appendix HIB/12/5/79A.

Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden Maintenance

80.1 The Chairman advised that additional clearing of the raised plant beds and rejuvenation of soil in the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden has taken place in recent weeks and further soil replacement and general tidying of the garden will be carried out prior to the installation of spring plants in March.

- 80.2 The Chairman advised that the small herb bed in the 'smell' section of the garden will be completely revamped in the coming weeks, with new plants installed in the spring.

Improvements to Hailsham In Bloom Plant Nursery Site

- 81.1 The Chairman reiterated that approximate costings have been obtained for the construction of ten plant beds at the plant nursery site for use by young people to plant and maintain their own vegetable plots. A local supermarket is willing to sponsor the project by providing gardening tools and/or plant seeds from their 2013/14 community fund budget.
- 81.2 The Chairman reported that £250 has been kindly donated by Sussex Police's Property Act Fund towards this particular project and the Youth Mayor has been asked to raise an additional £500 required for the construction and installation of the plant beds. Any developments in terms of funding for the 'Plot To Plate' project will be reported at the next Committee meeting.
- 81.3 The Chairman advised that additional seed planting for the town centre tiered floral planters, ground level planters, hanging baskets, pedestrian guard rail planters, war memorial plant bed and Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden is scheduled to take place at the plant nursery in the near future.
- 81.4 The Chairman reported that Hailsham In Bloom's application to receive a donation of trees from the Woodland Trust as part of its Diamond Jubilee Woods project has been successful, having been granted 105 young trees. Once received in March, the trees may be planted on the plant nursery/Grovelands Barn site, although the exact location for the planting of trees donated is yet to be determined.

Development of Arboretum at Common Pond Site

- 82 The Chairman reported that a local supermarket has offered Hailsham In Bloom £900 to spend on trees in the local area and the Town Council's Tree Warden is looking into the viability of planting them at the Common Pond site. Any developments on the Common Pond Arboretum project will be reported at future Committee meetings.

Hailsham In Bloom Quiz Night

- 83 The Chairman confirmed that the necessary arrangements for the Hailsham In Bloom Fundraising Quiz Night to be held at the Summerheath Hall on Saturday 19th January have been made and prizes for the raffle draw have been received.

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

- 84 The Chairman advised that South & South East in Bloom judges are scheduled to assess individual towns and villages between Monday 8th and Friday 19th July. The Committee will be notified of the exact date of the Hailsham assessment/tour in due course.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

