

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 9th January 2012 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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8/115 **Present:** Cllrs J. Bentley-Astor, Mrs M. Burt, R. T. Grocock, S. McAuliffe and Mrs M. Rowe; Mr J. Henderson, Mr L. Lovelady, Ms S. Mulley, Mr J. Pilgrim, Mr J. Ratcliffe and Mrs L. Woodley.

116 **Officers Present:** T. Hall (Committee Clerk), J. Harrison (Town Clerk).

117 **Apologies For Absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Mr H. Bell, Mrs B. Henderson and Cllr Mrs D. Ryan.

Declarations of Interest

118 None were received.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

119 **RESOLVED** to note that the Minutes and Reports of the Meeting of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee (Ref: HIB/11/7/97-114) held on 28th November 2011 were confirmed as being a correct record and adopted by the Town Council at a meeting held on 19th December 2011.

Matters Arising

120 None were received.

Committee Expenditure

121 **RESOLVED** to recommend to note and adopt the summary of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee Income and Expenditure for the period ending 31st March 2012, as at 31st November 2011 as circulated with the Agenda and as Appendices HIB/12/8/121A to these Minutes.

Creation of Diamond Jubilee Garden

122 A copy of the Draft Heads of Terms as produced by East Sussex County Council for the proposed Diamond Jubilee Garden in Western Road was circulated to all members present. Much discussion ensued and, whilst the terms were accepted in general, Cllr J. Bentley-Astor expressed concern over the stated licence term of one year and requested that the Committee Clerk liaise with East Sussex County Council in the first instance with a view to increasing the duration of the licence term.

123 **RESOLVED** to recommend to note and accept the Draft Heads of Terms as

produced by East Sussex County Council for the proposed Diamond Jubilee Garden in Western Road and as Appendix HIB/12/8/122A to these Minutes.

124 The Chairman reported that the roses to be planted in the raised beds and on the various walkways have been purchased and will be delivered by mid February at the latest. Planting will commence in March, following the clearing of the site and construction of the plant beds in February. It is estimated that the Diamond Jubilee Garden project will be completed by 14th May 2012.

125 Committee Clerk reiterated from a previous meeting that sponsorship to the value of £430 has been received for the Diamond Jubilee Garden project. It was reported that Chalvington Communications Ltd has agreed to purchase one arbour and Mr L. Lovelady and Mrs L. Woodley have confirmed that they will provide funding towards the cost of garden seating. The Chairman reported that timber for the plant beds and various other materials are currently being sourced and any developments on project funding and sponsorship will be reported at the next Committee meeting.

Hailsham In Bloom Plant Nursery

126 The Chairman confirmed that a site visit will take place in the next few days to discuss the installation of a poly tunnel and water mains supply at Orchard Park. Any developments relating to the exact positioning of the plant nursery will be reported at the next Committee meeting.

127 The Chairman circulated an inventory of recently purchased seeds to be planted and grown in the proposed plant nursery. It was confirmed that all plants grown will be used for the town centre floral displays, including the tiered flower fountains, pedestrian guard rail planters and hanging baskets, as well as the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden and town gateway floral markers.

Dennis King Memorial Orchard And Sensory Garden Improvements

128 The Chairman advised that further maintenance of the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden, including the clearing of ground level plant beds and the replacement of hard compost, will be carried out by Hailsham In Bloom volunteers on Sunday 15th January. The two garden entry signs will be installed directly before the official reopening of the garden in early May.

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

129 The Chairman proposed that a number of fundraising activities could be organised by the Committee this year including a charity quiz night and various games as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and re-launched Hailsham Charter Market in June. Any developments will be reported at the next Committee meeting.

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

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 30th January 2012 at 7.30pm in the Fleur de Lys Council Chamber, Market Street, Hailsham.

CHAIRMAN

