

# Hailsham In Bloom Sub-Committee

Report (Minutes) of the Hailsham in Bloom Sub-Committee held in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room/Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Inglenook, Market Street, Hailsham, on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 19.30hrs.

## Members Present:

- Cllrs J. Bentley-Astor (Chairman), Mrs S. Cottingham, J. Puttick (Vice-Chairman), Mrs M. Rowe - *Hailsham Town Council*
- Mr H. Bell – *Hailsham Parochial Church Council*
- Mr D. Cottingham, Mr R. Grocock, Ms S. Mulley – *Residents*
- Mrs B. Henderson, Mr J. Henderson, Mrs L. Woodley – *Hailsham Horticultural Society*
- Mr L. Lovelady – *Hailsham Lions' Club*

## Officers in Attendance:

- T. Hall

## Also in Attendance:

- Mr. P. Endersby
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### 1. Apologies for Absence

- These were received from Cllr B. Bentley, Cllr Mrs J. Bentley, Miss C. Bentley-Astor, Ms L. Chapman and Miss E. Collins.

### 2. Declaration of Interest

- None were received.

### 3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

### 4. Creation of Heritage Trail in Hailsham

- The Committee Clerk reported that a draft layout of the Hailsham Heritage Trail Map and Guide will be completed by Local Authority Publishing Ltd within the next few days, and will be circulated to members for approval at the next Sub-Committee meeting. Quotations for printing of the leaflet will then be sought.
- Decisions regarding permission to undertake the installation of plaques on some of the buildings and other sites of interest will be received from Wealden District Council directly after their review on the proposal comes to an end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011, and any developments will be reported at future Sub-Committee meetings.

### 5. Plant Nursery Creation Project

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

### 6. Hailsham East Recycling Centre Mural Displays

- The Committee Clerk reported that the spray paints and other materials required for the restoration of the mural displays situated next to the Hailsham East Community Centre have been purchased by the Town Farm Residents' Association, and the sanding down and repainting of the murals will be completed within the next four weeks. Any developments will be reported at the next Sub-Committee meeting.

## **7. Hailsham In Bloom Fashion Show**

- The Chairman reported that Hailsham Community College and Whitehouse Primary School have agreed to assist Hailsham In Bloom with the organisation of the Recycled Fashion Show to be held at the Hailsham Pavilion on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Further planning and organisation of the event will be discussed at future Sub-Committee meetings.

## **8. Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden Improvements**

- The Committee Clerk reported that quotations for the thinning of various tree canopies, crown raising and the removal of under-storey saplings, ivy and other vegetation in the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden will be received soon, and a successful tenderer will be agreed at the next Sub-Committee meeting.
- The Committee Clerk reported that a response has been received from the East Sussex Association of Blind and Partially Sighted People (ESAB) following a request for advice regarding the installation of interpretive (Braille) signage at the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden. A meeting with officers from the Association has been arranged for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to discuss this project further, and any developments will be reported at the next Sub-Committee meeting.

## **9. Creation of New Pond in Hailsham**

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

## **10. Public Information Day**

- All members present agreed to hold this year's Hailsham In Bloom Public Information Day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The Chairman requested that the Committee Clerk should find a suitable venue for the event and report any developments at the next Sub-Committee meeting.

## **11. Any Other Business**

- The Vice-Chairman reiterated from a previous meeting that, to coincide with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, Hailsham In Bloom could (if permitted) create a new garden at Old Orchard Farm/Grovelands Farm, which is a Town Council maintained site. Amendments to the existing garden will include the planting of additional flowers, shrubs and various grass species, as well as a general tidy up of the area. If approval is granted by the Town Council and funding for the project is obtained (estimated to be at least £15,000 to construct the garden fully), work on site planning and landscaping design will commence in the near future.
- The Vice-Chairman reported that the Charity Quiz Night event held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March was a resounding success, and almost £400 was raised from quiz entry fees and raffle ticket sales. All proceeds will be divided equally between Hailsham Lions' Club and the Hailsham In Bloom Sub-Committee. Members present agreed that the date for the next Hailsham In Bloom/Hailsham Lions' Club Quiz Night will be Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011, and, due to the temporary closure of the Hailsham Community Hall for refurbishment, a venue for the event is yet to be confirmed.

## **12. Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.35 hrs.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 19.30 hrs in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room/Council Chamber, Town Council Offices.