

HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
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 28th May 2012 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.

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15 **Present:** Cllrs J. Bentley-Astor, Mrs M. Burt, R. T. Grocock, Mrs M. Rowe and Mrs M. Skinner; Mr J. Henderson, Mr L. Lovelady, Ms S. Mulley, Mr J. Ratcliffe and Mrs L. Woodley.

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

17 **Apologies For Absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Mr H. Bell, Miss E. Collins, Mrs B. Henderson and Cllr S. McAuliffe.

Declarations of Interest

18 None were received.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

19 **RESOLVED** to note that the Minutes and Reports of the Meeting of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee (Ref: HIB/12/1/1-15) held on 23rd April 2012 were confirmed as being a correct record and adopted by the Town Council at a meeting held on 23rd May 2012.

Matters Arising

20 None were received.

Committee Expenditure

21 **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 30th April 2012 as circulated with the Agenda and as Appendices HIB/12/1/21A.

Creation of Diamond Jubilee Garden

22.1 The Chairman reported that all the plant beds have been installed at the Diamond Jubilee Community Rose Garden site and the various paths have been dug out successfully. The engraving of paving slabs with project sponsors' details along with re-turfing of the site has also been carried out and the slabs will be installed in the next few days.

22.2 The Chairman requested that Hailsham In Bloom members attend the official opening of the garden by the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex on Saturday 2nd

June 2012, an event which will also be attended by the Chairman of East Sussex County Council, East Sussex Library Services staff and cadets from the ATC 249 Hailsham Millennium Squadron, who will perform a march directly before the unveiling of the garden's memorial feature by the Lord Lieutenant.

- 22.3 The Chairman also requested that volunteers be available to attend the Diamond Jubilee Town Fete which takes place shortly after the garden opening at the Western Road Recreation Ground, for which the Hailsham In Bloom Committee have reserved a pitch and stall to display project details and photographs to members of the public.

Hailsham In Bloom Plant Nursery

- 23.1 The Chairman reported that over 6,000 plants have been installed in the plant nursery located in Orchard Park. Cllr Bentley-Astor advised that additional plants may be provided by a local company in the form of a donation, although this is yet to be confirmed.
- 23.2 The Chairman advised that the installation of the Hailsham In Bloom Plant Nursery sign and additional tidying up of the ground surrounding the poly-tunnel will be carried out in the next few days.

Town Centre Planting

- 24.1 The Chairman reported that the majority of the flowering plants in the pedestrian guard rails planters, flower fountains and ground level plant beds around the town centre will be removed as soon as possible, ahead of replanting which will take place in early June.
- 24.2 Councillor Bentley-Astor expressed concern over the maintenance of the town centre plants in recent weeks, stating that some of them are not being watered sufficiently and to the agreed schedule. He requested that the Committee Clerk ask the Town Clerk to investigate the matter further.
- 24.3 *Clerk's Note: On investigating the matter, it is not normal practice to water winter bedding plants. However, works staff have been able to carry out some watering and maintenance duties to keep the winter bedding plants in reasonable condition. This has been limited by the effect of the hose pipe ban recently imposed, and additional duties required of works staff in respect of the forthcoming summer community events.*

Dennis King Memorial Orchard And Sensory Garden Improvements

- 25 The Chairman reported that additional clearing of the area, installation of interpretive signage and preparations for the official reopening of the garden on Sunday 3rd July 2012 will be carried out by Hailsham In Bloom volunteers in the coming weeks.

Hailsham In Bloom Competitions 2012

- 26 The Committee Clerk reported that there are currently no entrants for the 'Hailsham In Pictures' photographic competition and advised that the contest should be abandoned. All members present agreed to this request. Any further developments on the judging of individual Hailsham In Bloom competitions will be reported at the next Committee meeting.

South & South East in Bloom Judges' Tour

- 27.1 The Chairman confirmed that this year's South & South East in Bloom judges' tour, which takes place on Thursday 19th July 2012, will commence at the Town Council Offices, where a multimedia presentation of this year's community projects and achievements will be given.
- 27.2 It was agreed that the sites to include as part of this year's main tour are the Diamond Jubilee Rose Garden in Western Road, Hailsham High Street (town centre floral displays), the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden and Hailsham In Bloom plant nursery at Orchard Park, at least one stop on the Hailsham Heritage Trail, as well as the winners of the Best Kept Front Garden, Best Allotment, Best Public House Display, Best Business Premises (large and small) and Hailsham Heritage Award competitions.
- 27.3 The Chairman reported permission has been granted by the managing agents of the Quintins Centre to use the former chiropractic clinic at 2-4 North Street for a photographic exhibition which will showcase the town's past and present. The event, which will be attended by Hailsham In Bloom and Hailsham Historical Society volunteers, will take place from Monday 16th to July to Saturday 21st July and provide an additional 'tour stop' for the South & South East in Bloom judges during their visit to the town on Thursday 19th July.
- 27.4 The Chairman stated that a detailed route schedule with precise stop timings will be produced as soon as the individual Hailsham In Bloom competition winners are announced and a 'test-run' for the route will be carried out prior to the official South & South East in Bloom judges' tour date. Additional suggestions for tour stops will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

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

- 28 None presented.

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

CHAIRMAN

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