

## **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 30<sup>th</sup> January 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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9/130 **Present:** Cllrs J. Bentley-Astor, Mrs M. Burt, R. T. Grocock and S. McAuliffe;  
Mr J. Henderson, Ms S. Mulley, Mr J. Pilgrim and Mr J. Ratcliffe.

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

132 **Also Present:** Mrs J. Bishop, Mrs J. Roots (Hailsham U3A).

133 **Apologies For Absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Mr H. Bell, Mrs B. Henderson, Mr L. Lovelady, Cllr Mrs M. Rowe, Cllr Mrs D. Ryan and Mrs L. Woodley.

### **Declarations of Interest**

134 None were received.

### **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

135 **RESOLVED** to note that the Minutes and Reports of the Meeting of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee (Ref: HIB/12/8/115-129) held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were confirmed as being a correct record and adopted by the Town Council at a meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

### **Matters Arising**

136 None were received.

### **Committee Expenditure**

137 **RESOLVED** to recommend to note and adopt the summary of the Hailsham In Bloom Committee Income and Expenditure for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 as circulated with the Agenda and as Appendices HIB/12/9/136A.

### **Creation of Diamond Jubilee Garden**

138 The Chairman reported that some of the roses to be planted in the raised beds and on the various walkways have been delivered and the remainder of the order is estimated to arrive within the next two weeks. Planting of the roses will commence in February, following the clearing of the site and construction of the plant beds in February, once the final draft of the Heads of Terms has been received from East Sussex County Council.

139 The Chairman circulated a cost sheet outlining the various expenses associated with the construction of the garden, with the exception of the costs involved in the hire of plant machinery and the etching of paving slabs, which are yet to be confirmed.

### **Hailsham In Bloom Plant Nursery**

140 The Chairman reported that various plant seeds have been acquired and will be grown in the proposed plant nursery at Orchard Park once the poly tunnel has been installed. Councillor J. Bentley-Astor proposed that plants grown at the nursery 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 when necessary. All members present agreed to this proposal.

141 Councillor Bentley-Astor advised that the Hailsham In Bloom Committee, via its network of volunteers, should take over responsibility for the planting and maintenance of the existing town centre floral displays from the current horticultural contractor as early as possible, saving Hailsham Town Council approximately £4,000 per year in horticultural management costs. All members present agreed to this proposal.

142 **RESOLVED** to recommend that the Hailsham In Bloom Committee use the plants grown at the nursery for installation in the town centre floral displays (tiered flower fountains, pedestrian guard rail planters and hanging baskets) and that the Hailsham In Bloom Committee, via its network of volunteers, take over responsibility for the planting and maintenance of the existing town centre floral displays from the current horticultural contractor as early as possible, saving Hailsham Town Council approximately £4,000 per year in horticultural management costs.

143 Councillor J. Bentley-Astor proposed that the Committee purchase a poly tunnel at a cost of approximately £927, for installation on the plant nursery site. All members present agreed to this proposal.

### **Dennis King Memorial Orchard And Sensory Garden Improvements**

144 The Chairman reported that further maintenance of the Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden, including the clearing of ground level plant beds and the cutting back of overhanging tree branches, was recently carried out by Hailsham In Bloom volunteers. He thanked everyone for their assistance on the day.

### **Hailsham In Bloom Public Information Day**

145 The Committee Clerk reported that a suitable empty retail unit in the town centre has been provisionally acquired for use by the Committee for the next Hailsham In Bloom public information day, which will take place on Saturday 14 April 2012. Final confirmation of the availability of the empty shop unit will be obtained in early March and any developments will be reported at future Committee meetings.

146 The Chairman proposed that Cllrs Mrs M. Burt and Mrs M. Rowe commence organisation of the event as early as possible and request that South East Water and Wealden District Council's Recycling team attend the event to promote water conservation and local recycling respectively.

### **Hailsham In Bloom/Hailsham Lions Quiz Night Fundraising Event**

- 147 The Committee Clerk confirmed that booking of the Charles Hunt Centre for the Hailsham In Bloom/Hailsham Lions joint fundraising quiz night on Saturday 24 March 2012 has been confirmed. Prizes for the raffle draw which will take place directly after the quiz are yet to be sought.

### **Hailsham In Bloom 2012 Competitions**

- 148 The Chairman advised that the following competitions will be launched and organised by the Committee this year: Best Kept Front Garden, Best Allotment, Best Business Premises (Small), Best Business Premises (Small), Best Public House Display and Hailsham In Pictures (photographic competition), in addition to the Hailsham Heritage Award 2012.
- 149 Councillor J. Bentley-Astor stated that he will enter discussions with the Hailsham Photographic Society over their level of involvement in this year's 'Hailsham In Pictures' photographic competition and report any developments at the next Committee meeting.
- 150 The Committee Clerk reported that Cllr Mrs M. Rowe has agreed to organise the Hailsham In Bloom awards presentation in September 2012.

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

- 151 None presented.

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

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm in the Fleur de Lys Council Chamber, Market Street, Hailsham.

CHAIRMAN

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