

## Winterton In Bloom

### Minutes from meeting: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

#### 52 West Street, Winterton at 10.00 am

**Present:** Cllr Don Johnson (DJ), Cllr Roger Kimberley-Scott (RKS), Mr Gordon Leitch (GL), Mr Roj Moody (RM), Mrs Pam Moody (PM), Mrs Kerry Hewson (KH), Miss Lisa Newstead (LN), Mrs Ann Root (AR)

**Apologies:** Mrs Julie Ellison, Cllr Bob Bridge, Cllr Linda Cawsey

- 1) **To elect a Chairperson:** DJ opened the meeting by offering his intention to step down from his role as Chairman of the group. He proposed LN to be appointed the new Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by RKS with all in favour.
- 2) **To elect a Secretary:** It was further proposed that AR should act as Secretary for the group with all in favour.
- 3) **To agree future meeting dates:** The proposed dates, previously circulated, were accepted and an additional date of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 was added to the list. It was agreed that meetings were not necessary in November and December and that meetings could resume in January and March 2018.
- 4) **To agree an agenda format for future meetings:** The proposed agenda format, previously circulated, was accepted with all present in favour.

DJ then gave his apologies and left the meeting to attend to an urgent personal matter.

#### **Report on key areas:**

- a) Planting (Horticultural Development)
- b) Community (Community Participation)
- c) Environment (Environmental Responsibility)

The above are the 3 key areas of inspection by the In-Bloom judges. It was agreed that Lisa takes the lead on (a) supported by Roger and Kerry, Don takes the lead on (b) supported by Gordon and Pam & Roj take the lead on (c).

RKS suggested that there needs to be a plan set in place for all 3 areas, so that progress can be monitored and measured. **Action:** LN and AR to work on producing a basic plan.

It was reported that Linda Cawsey has recently been appointed to lead the Incredible Edible project. PM said she could offer some support and also donate some plants for the project. LN reported that WTC staff have been employed in the building, adapting and siting of the Incredible Edible planters on the Grangefield Estate, their costs have been recharged to Winterton 2022. RKS stressed that WTC must ensure that it is fully compensated by Winterton 2022 for all work completed on this project by their team.

RKS has progressed with the rockery area at the entrance to the industrial estate which is now looking amazing. He has also cleared a large area at the top of Earlsgate on Top Road where one of the 3 tier planters is to be sited. RKS was thanked for his work and time and he thanked the WTC maintenance team who had removed all the wood and rubbish.

KH expressed an interest in taking on a flower bed as part of the In-Bloom campaign. It was also reported that Mr & Mrs Scorer may wish to be involved and AR suggested that the invitation for sponsorship should be open to everyone, not just businesses in Winterton.

The 3 tier planters are very much in demand. LN agreed to look into whether another could be purchased. 2 new flower beds are to be added, one on Sowers Lane and one on Henderson Way. An extra planter is to be placed outside the Showground, near to the Cemetery. Siting a planter on Holmes Lane, opposite the car entrance to the Showground was also discussed and it was agreed that this should be brought to the attention of the Show Committee before a decision is made.

RM suggested that the triangle of land opposite the fish shop on Market Hill, towards the back of Blankney House, could possibly be developed in the wildlife category. It was suggested that perhaps the occupants of Blankney House could be approached to see if they had any objections first. **Action:** WTC admin to follow up with this.

LN said that it is sometimes difficult to find suitable sites for planters etc in order to keep within all legislation, for example using the triangle of land at Mere Crossroads for a low planter had been suggested but it was thought NLC may turn down the application. It was however discussed whether a low growing lavender bed could be laid on the triangle of land on the right at the top of Earlsgate. **Action:** RKS and LN to pursue this suggestion.

LN requested help with the flower beds at the Cemetery. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 9 am was agreed, weather permitting.

It was unanimously agreed to try encourage more community participation in the campaign. LN has written a piece which will go out in the Out & About in Winterton summer 2017 edition very shortly. We would hope that some residents will come forward and offer to take on responsibility for watering and maintaining a planter/bed/verge/basket which is sited near their home. It was acknowledged that sometimes, the public are afraid to help without being specifically asked though. Also, distributing a hi-vis waistcoat with WTC Volunteer on the back was thought could be a good idea. RKS said that the legal side of issuing hi-vis equipment should be checked thoroughly. LN said she could also actively request volunteers to help via the WTC Facebook account and website. **Action:** LN

It was also unanimously agreed that the schools should again be approached to request they support the campaign with encouraging the children to grow sunflowers. **Action:** WTC admin team to follow up with this.

### **CPRE – Best Kept Village:**

WTC pay a small monthly membership fee to CPRE. The judging for the Best Kept Village takes place in August each year. LN agreed to find more out about the organisation and suggested that a representative from this group could attend a meeting to find out more about it. **Action:** LN

### **Any Other Business:**

- RKS said that the area around the Spar Shop on Earlsgate is a disgrace. The biggest problem being packaging discarded by the shop workers. **Action:** WTC admin team to follow up.
- RM asked if the debris left from the Farmers hedging on Appleby Lane could be removed. It was agreed that RM, RKS & WTC maintenance team should clear this later in the year.
- RKS reported that the left hand side of the entrance to the industrial estate needed a great deal of work to tidy and clear it up. LN said that she has managed to build up a working relationship with the land owner and she would discuss this issue with him. It was suggested that we take a photograph of the bed already done by RKS and of the site which needs clearing and see what the owner says. **Action:** LN to contact Dean Property Services.
- LN reminded the Committee members that WTC is not able to use the NLC recycling centre for disposal of rubbish.
- RKS suggested that the residents of 1 Waterlow Drive should be approached to see if they are willing to have their newly designed garden entered in to the In-Bloom competition. **Action:** WTC admin team
- RKS reported that the owner of the Fish Shop at the top of Earlsgate has had some tubs, baskets and verge areas planted up. AR suggested that they could be approached to see if their business wished to be entered in to the hanging basket and tub business section of the competition. **Action:** WTC Admin team

**Date of next meeting:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 10.00 am at 52 West Street