

Winterton In Bloom

Minutes from meeting: Friday 30th June 2017

52 West Street, Winterton at 10.00 am

Present: Cllr Roger Kimberley-Scott (RKS), Cllr Linda Cawsey (LC), Cllr Marilynne Harrison (MH), Mrs Pam Moody (PM), Mrs Kerry Hewson (KH), Miss Lisa Newstead (LN), Mrs Ann Root (AR)

Apologies: Cllr Don Johnson, Cllr Bob Bridge, Mr Roj Moody, Mrs Julie Ellison

Welcome: LN welcomed everyone to the meeting. Judging will take place Friday, 14th July at 2.00 pm which is the last day of judging but will allow us to tidy everything up after the Show. LN has been informed that Brigg have now entered the competition for the first time and have received some grant funding from NLC to help them get started.

Report on key areas:

a) Planting (Horticultural Development)

- i) PM reported that the new beds on Low Street/Westwinds Road corner need to be replanted as many of the antirrhinums have died. LN has noted this and will make a note not to use this plant in the future. Both beds will be replanted before judging day
- ii) John from Westshores Nursery has agreed to plant and maintain the new area at the bottom of Hart Lane which will now be renamed as Cawsey Corner to avoid confusion with the bed at the top of Hart Lane. Two large boulders have been donated by Biffa and the bed will be planted with ornamental grasses and then bark chippings will be laid
- iii) A new small circular bed will be planted at the entrance to the Pavilion.
- iv) LN is planning to have a new bed for English (bee friendly) lavender in the future
- v) LC said that as judging day is Bastille Day, would it be possible to have a French theme? LN said that no extra marks could be attained for themed gardens, but this could be incorporated at Cawsey corner if LC wished.
- vi) It was noted that some hanging baskets near the church were being partially hidden by a large holly bush. The resident owning the bush will be asked to trim it back appropriately.

b) Community (Community Participation)

LN informed LC and MH that at the previous meeting it was decided that Cllrs Don Johnson and Bob Bridge would lead this section of the judging criteria. However, as they weren't available to attend this meeting, LN updated on their behalf. Thought is being given on how to bring all the gardening related groups within the community together in some form. Leaving the individual groups to carry on their own initiatives, but by sharing together, we may be able to apply for funding, provide a support network, share ideas and best practice, etc

Groups such as the Gardening Club, Incredible Edible, the Allotments Group, the Junior School, the Open Gardens group, etc could all be involved. LC said the perhaps the Winterton 2022 project could be approached for some funding. LN said that some competitions could be organised, for example Young Gardener of the Year, etc. RKS said that evidence would need to be seen and a prize/plaque awarded to the winner. KH suggested that instead of giving the school children sunflower seeds which need to be grown during the summer holidays, consideration should be given to finding something to plant in the spring. A suggestion was made for a title for the group: 'Growing Within the Community'

RKS stressed the need to recruit more volunteers to help with keeping the town's gardens and pots well watered and tended throughout the whole year. LN confirmed that pansies have been ordered ready for the autumn planting and some evergreens have been planted in and around the cemetery. LN also confirmed that NLC have donated a planter which will be sited in the cemetery but will be visible from the road.

c) Environment (Environmental Responsibility)

As requested at the last meeting, Roj Moody has been and looked at the composting bins sited at the cemetery. As the bins are not being utilised correctly, he has suggested that, prior to judging, he will donate some compost which can be put into the bins.

Roj also suggested that signage is needed on the water butts: i) please use water from the butts when possible, and ii) WTC logo to promote ownership

Sponsorship

LN reported that the amount of sponsorship secured so far has increased from last year.

CPRE – Best Kept Village:

We have been informed that judging will take place between Monday 24th July and Saturday 12th August. We will not be notified when the judges actually visit the town.

Any Other Business:

The proposed route to be taken by the judges:

- Meet at the office and walk to the Junior School to see their sensory garden
- Walk from the school to the Bowls Club to see their bowling green and hanging baskets
- Walk from the Bowls Club down to Hart Lane/West Street corner
- Walk from Hart Lane/West Street corner to Cawsey Corner
- From Cawsey Corner, visit 1 Hart Lane for the best front garden entry
- Walk from 1 Hart Lane to the Market Place via Churchside
- To be picked up by car at corner of Low Street and drive up Low Street to Westwinds Road flower beds to Manlake Avenue flower bed to Cliff Avenue planter to Roxby Road to the Industrial Site

- To walk to look at the rockery garden on Roxby Road and the 3 tier planter and surrounding areas with flower beds at the Top of Earlsgate
 - To be picked up by car to view the flower beds on the entrance to Lincoln Drive, the Incredible Edible boxes and flower bed and planter on the Grangefield Estate to view planters on Earlsgate and travel to the allotments
 - To leave the allotments to view the Cemetery and Simons Wood on foot
 - To take the car along Cemetery Road and North Street to look at flower beds and planters to the flower bed on Leys Lane and then up Newport Drive to the Pavilion
 - LN to present the slide show
- LN acknowledged that a great deal of work would be required before the judging to ensure that all areas were weed free, cleaned and edged etc. The grounds team would require another full day at the Cemetery, and any other volunteers would be welcome to help out.
 - LN requested help with ensuring that the route was litter free on the morning of the judging. LN also said that all planters and road signs will need cleaning so any help would be appreciated.
 - MH and LC offered to make cakes and help with the presentation at the Pavilion
 - RKS reported that the left hand side of the entrance to the industrial estate had not been touched. AR said that Dean Property Services had been contacted and they had responded saying that they would get someone to look into what is required. This will be followed up again.
 - MH asked if the Tractors would be ready before judging. LN reported that this was unlikely. It is thought they may be ready around September but it is still not known where they will be sited.
 - KH asked what qualifications were held by the judges. LN could not give details on qualifications they held but the judge one year had previously gardened for the Queen so was highly trained.
 - PM and RKS mentioned the proposed wild flower bed area on Blankney Court. LN said that due to the lack of time, this would be described as a 'work in progress' area to the judges. This can then be developed in readiness for next year when time permits.
 - An NLC road sweeper driver called in during the meeting who discussed which roads needed to be prioritised for cleaning prior to the Show and the In Bloom judging. He also mentioned that he understood that the contractors appointed to undertake the weed killing in the town had not completed the task.
 - LC asked if the Town Council could look into taking over the job of putting up the bunting for the Show. PM reported that the Fire Brigade would probably be able to help in future but could not undertake the task this year as it had not been risk assessed.
 - LN reminded everyone that all are welcome at the Pavilion for the presentation and any help would be welcome. The route will be circulated as soon as it is confirmed.

Date of next meeting: Friday 28th July 2017 at 10.00 am at 52 West Street