

Winterton In Bloom

Minutes from meeting: Friday 25th August 2017

52 West Street, Winterton at 10.00 am

Present: Cllr Don Johnson (DJ), Cllr Bob Bridge (BB), Cllr Mick Foster (MF), Cllr Roger Kimberley-Scott (RKS), Ms Kerry Hewson (KH), Mr Gordon Leitch (GL), Miss Lisa Newstead (LN), Mrs Ann Root (AR)

Apologies: Cllr Linda Cawsey, Mr Roj Moody, Mrs Pam Moody

Welcome: LN welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that there is a quick general update and then that this meeting be mostly dedicated to agreeing requirements and arrangements for the Presentation which will take place on Sunday 24th September, 10.30 -12.30 at the Winterton Community Pavilion.

Report on key areas:

a) Planting (Horticultural Development)

- 1) DJ reported that his neighbour, Mr Mick Cook, has kindly offered to take over the planting and maintenance of plants along the outside wall of the cemetery. Everyone expressed their thanks for this offer of help.
- 2) DJ also advised that Mr Cook will also be able to help and advise with design and sourcing of plants in future years.
- 3) On behalf of the Winterton Lions, DJ requested that the corderline plant is removed from their planter. LN said this would be done when the planters are replanted for the autumn. The corderline will be replanted elsewhere.

b) Community (Community Participation)

There was no update for this meeting.

c) Environment (Environmental Responsibility)

There was no update for this meeting.

Sponsorship

LN reported that we are in discussion with Ongo regarding the siting of more planters and flower beds on the Grangefield estate. It is hoped that we can secure some sponsorship from them in the future.

DJ & RKS mentioned how disappointing the Incredible Edible scheme has proved so far.

LN advised that there is a new group being started in Winterton which is being funded by the Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council. It is entitled 'Men in Sheds' and aims to act as a catalyst for men in the community who are living alone or isolated. Their members could be approached for help and support in future years.

RKS asked if his suggestion of offering the road sign flower boxes to residents had been given any thought. LN confirmed that she thinks that the idea is good and will give more thought to how we could administer an 'Adopt A Box' scheme for next year.

Volunteers

Mick Cook, whose main focus will be the cemetery area, will be added to the list of volunteers. Also, the North Lincs Community Hub Team has been contacted and they have expressed an interest in joining the group. LN said she would suggest that they could help by tidying the grounds of Sir John Mason House initially.

CPRE – Best Kept Village:

Winterton has been awarded 3rd place in the Small Town category. The report and scores document was circulated for information. The judge's comments were very complimentary, noting the lack of litter and extensive range of flower beds and tubs. The report will be circulated to the Committee with the minutes from this meeting.

The presentation of the award will be at Elsham Village Hall on Monday 16th October at 7.30 pm. RKS declined the offer to attend. LN will discuss and nominate a representative to attend. Also, the AGM of the CPRE takes place on Saturday 2nd September if anyone can attend.

Any Other Business:

- 1) The RHS In-Bloom presentation will be held in Boston on 13th September. There are spaces for 4 people. LN & KH will attend.
- 2) Our In-Bloom presentation has been re-arranged and will now take place on Sunday 24th September, 10.30-12.30 in the Community Pavilion.

LN requested ideas for items to include in the agenda for the presentation to make it a local celebration. Discussions took place on holding a competition for a photograph to be used on a Christmas card which could be launched at this event. The prize would be that the winning photograph was used on the Christmas card. RKS mentioned that he doesn't have many photographs of Winterton In-Bloom in winter, so perhaps that could be the theme. Another idea was to launch a 'Young Gardener of the Year' competition. RKS agreed to research and pull something together to cover criteria and evidence required etc. It was thought that RM & PM may give a talk on their environmental conscious lifestyle, KH could give a talk on her business, John & Gail Summerfield could be asked to give a talk on their grasses and nursery. KH suggested that some stalls could be set up to offer the opportunity to purchase plants, produce, etc. Invitations should be sent to all sponsors, councillors, allotment holders, other gardening related groups. Tea and coffee could be served.
- 3) RKS asked that now NLC are only spot weed killing, could we potentially do our own. LN said that it had already been suggested to NLC that we take responsibility for grass cutting, weed killing, etc but this had not been accepted to date. DJ and BB said that the offer should be pushed as, if the weather is wet on our rota day for grass cutting, it is not done until the next rota day by which time it is very overgrown.
- 4) MF said that the hanging baskets had been disappointing this year. LN said that the baskets had cost £14/£15 each and if a secure place could be found to plant and store the baskets to grow-on in spring/early summer, WTC could do their own at half the cost. A polytunnel had been discussed previously but would not be sufficiently

secure to house 44 baskets which cost £50+ each. Committee members agreed to give some thought to what storage arrangements could be made for future years.

- 5) RKS said that the right hand side of Enterprise Way had become an eye-sore. It was clear that the land owners were not interested in clearing it. RKS suggested that the officer for NLC should be contacted and asked to pursue the clearance directly with the land owner. DJ offered to ensure that the officer is informed. LN said that there have been quite a few reports recently from residents regarding overgrown trees and hedges. It is clear that a regular maintenance programme is required.
- 6) RKS asked when the dead trees on Top Road will be removed. LN has requested clarification on the exact location.
- 7) LN requested that everyone think and let us know of any ideas for the Presentation event.

Date of next meeting: Friday 29th September 2017 at 10.00 am at 52 West Street