

## Winterton In Bloom

### Minutes from meeting: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

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

**Present:** Cllr Roger Kimberley-Scott (RKS), Cllr Mick Foster (MF), Cllr Don Johnson (DJ), Mrs Pam Moody (PM), Miss Lisa Newstead (LN), Mrs Ann Root (AR)

**1. Apologies:** Mr Roj Moody (RM), Ms Julie Ellison (JE)

**2. Welcome:** LN welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kerry Hewson has sent an email of resignation from the group as she is no longer a resident in Winterton. The resignation was accepted with reluctance and best wishes were expressed for Kerry in the future as well as thanks for her involvement last year.

- LN confirmed that the letter inviting all gardening related groups/projects/schools had been sent out inviting them to join us under the WIB umbrella. Some responses have been received and those that have not responded so far will be chased shortly. The Allotments group have confirmed they wish to be included and they are also going to participate in the national Allotment Week in August. The group has also agreed to help in some way at the In Bloom presentation in September by way of produce from their allotment plots.
- The new WIB logo has been adopted and will be used on all future advertising banners etc.
- Unfortunately there has been a delay with the NL Ward Councillors submitting the funding application to NLC. Also, there were some personal problems with the printers towards the end of last year which meant that the 2018 WIB calendar was not produced in time for retail. The calendar will be printed for 2019.
- It has been suggested by ERNLLCA that we gather as many volunteers together as possible for a talk on health and safety.
- WTC is currently working with NLC on a larger plan which may include them taking over the grass cutting in the cemetery. DJ suggested that this needs to be closely monitored particularly on costs.
- WIB is recruiting a bank of volunteers to undertake as much or as little work as they can manage on a regular basis in the cemetery.
- Winterton 2022 have arranged for the Sycamore Seed sculpture to be installed in the cemetery very shortly
- AR was requested to contact Angela at Dean Property Services to ask why their new maintenance contractor has not made a start on work to clear the footpaths and road sides. **Action: AR**
- LN will contact the Woodlands Trust with regard to working on Simon's Wood. **Action: LN**

**3. A) Planting (Horticultural Development)**

The cemetery and the Grangefield Estate are the main areas for development in 2018:

Cemetery - Once the Sycamore Seed sculpture is in place, Winterton 2022 will be laying a footpath and arranging for some planting around it.

Grangefield Estate – New boxes for underneath the road signs have been made. They will be painted ready for installation in late spring. LN suggested that a representative from Ongo and the Grangefield Committee be invited to attend the next meeting for their input into the planned development. **Action: AR** to invite

Once the new funding arrives, the hanging basket trees can be ordered.

AR was requested to contact Tammy Day from NLC who had previously indicated an interest in participating in the group. It was hoped that Tammy would be able to co-ordinate someone to work around the Sir John Mason house area. **Action: AR**

RKS requested funding for approximately 50 Erica heathers for planting around the enlarged area of the rockery on Roxby Road. **Action: LN**

PM suggested that the new occupiers of the Butchers Arms should be contacted to see if they will participate in the group in some way this year. **Action: LN**

LN reported that the Incredible Edible project will restart in the spring. RKS stressed that all the planter boxes for this project need to be resited to more suitable areas in order to be able to grow any produce.

#### **B) Community (Community Participation)**

DJ confirmed that the Winterton Show Committee have agreed to plant up the areas around the corner of Cemetery Road and the Showground. DJ also confirmed that the Winterton Agricultural Society have agreed to join in the umbrella of WIB.

LN said that it is hoped that the newsletter to be published in the May edition of OAAIW would promote WIB to the wider community and encourage more volunteers and community involvement across all areas.

#### **C) Environment (Environmental Responsibility)**

LN said that this is an area which we need to develop and asked members for ideas to bring along to the next meeting, with particular focus on composting, gathering and reusing rain water, etc. LN & AR advised that a small town who won a Gold Award in the northern section of Britain In Bloom had used plants that clear the atmosphere of diesel pollution alongside a busy main road. This is something which will be followed up for Roxby/Top Road area.

PM suggested that the compost bins at the cemetery need to be resited or signage as to their whereabouts should be erected. PM also suggested that it may be possible to house a bee hive somewhere within Simon's Wood. Action: AR to contact local bee keeper to enquire.

RKS mentioned that the decision taken by WTC with regard to the moles issue could be a points winner with the In Bloom judges.

**4. Sponsorship** – this will be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### **5. Volunteers**

Several new volunteers have been recruited by RKS and LN over the winter months. PM will hopefully make a new recruit in readiness for the summer.

#### **6. CPRE**

LN circulated a recent newsletter. Discussions took place on whether we have a local person to nominate for their award. Several suggestions were made including: Dave Hewitt, Clive Cook, Mel @ the Recycling Centre.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

LN talked about the Great British Clean Up which is taking place over the weekend of 2,3 and 4 March when volunteers are to be sought to litter pick the whole of the town. PM volunteered to undertake Low Street along with RM.

LN said that, as NLC had not sent litter pickers to Winterton for some time, she had heard that they had arranged for the Community Payback Team to litter pick later in the week.

**Next Meeting:** The date for the next meeting is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 10.00 am.