

Meeting Notes, 'ST IVES IN BLOOM'

held at 7 Church Street, St Ives

7.00pm on 30th May 2024

Present:

Phil Davies	Sarah Banks
Hattie Grimwade	Karen Jarrett
Carole Parker	Kerry Maguire
Dawne Amato	

1. APOLOGIES and MINUTES:

Apologies had been received from Beccy and Margaret.

The April minutes were approved, except that the planned date of 14th May for the Anglia in Bloom advisory visit had been changed to 31st May.

2. FUNDRAISING and BUDGET

Dawne and Carole reported that most fundraising had been completed and that two sponsored planters had been purchased and would be delivered in mid-June. Most sponsorship has been received from local firms in the centre of town – larger firms or those on the industrial estate have not responded in the same way.

Sarah completed payments for the receipts.

3. MATTERS ARISING from APRIL MEETING

a) Update on Ramsey Road Cemetery, plans for 6th and 8th June

The work party on 9th May was very hard work in the clay areas, but the entrance flowerbeds to the Cemetery are now looking very good. Phil has been given permission by the Town Council to repair the fence. The planting of the mausoleum beds, including the lavender, is now complete.

PD

The planting in the Community Garden is completed and decorative bark has been added. Hattie will contact Shariqa, Mehraj and Pasco about the Islamic community being involved in its upkeep, particularly keeping the water feature looking nice.

HG

Phil is going to order more bark for the new roses' beds in time for the work party on 8th June, where the focus will be on weeding and tidying the roses flowerbeds and the border near the second car park. The Town Council has not arranged additional topsoil, but this will now be followed up in the autumn. The cleared area between the second and third car parks has been designated for burial of ashes and will be grassed over. Several people who have talked to volunteers during work parties have not been happy about this and were asked to write privately to the Cemeteries Officer and/or Town Councillors with their thoughts. Phil hopes that the area will be at least neatened up before July, and will remind the Town Council staff of this aim.

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b) Update on The Waits – Riverside and Postbox garden

The Postbox garden is very full of growth and spaces have been made for more colourful new planting in June – Bunty is growing zinnias etc. which she will bring to the next work party. The riverside corner will need cutting back once the philadelphus has finished flowering, and Phil will bring his trailer.

Hattie requested that a formal complaint be made to the Town Council as The Waits flowerbeds have been sprayed in the week before the bank holiday weekend, and the area has been full of dead plants for a week. Phil had spoken to the Facilities Manager who had explained that he had instructed staff to spray the plants because it is cheaper and quicker than clearing by hand.

After some discussion it was agreed that Hattie should draft a letter and that Committee members would get back to her with anything they wanted changed.

HG/ALL

c) Update on planters and garden by Norris Museum

The project with the Norris Museum has been completed and the planters and flowerbeds are looking very colourful. The student final day and celebration was very successful, and the School and the Norris Museum are very pleased with the outcome. The daisy chain is almost finished and will be added in June.

**KJ/CP/
HG**

d) Update on Park and Ride

The Park and Ride curved flowerbeds are looking very good, and Phil and Kerry will consider whether to include them in the judges' tour.

PD/KM

e) Update on Station Road

The five flower planters on Station Road have been filled and the verge area will be shown to the judges either as a Community project or as a part of the Commercial Area. Hattie is in contact with Alphametrics and Thomas Quinn about additional flower display near Harrison Way, and the fundraising group will let all the shops know once we have a date for Anglia in Bloom.

HG/CP

f) Update on Elm Drive, Kings Hedges, Houghton Road

The Elm Drive flowerbed is looking good with care from Sheila, and Phil will ask the other neighbour to re-paint the wooden raised bed. Kerry has put in a few extra plants where needed in the perennial planters in Kings Hedges. Hattie, Carole and Karen are going with Linda to choose the bedding for the tiered planters on Monday and will hope to plant them up next week.

**HG/KJ/
CP**

Hattie has spoken to Eileen who has managed to re-plant the Houghton Rd bed, although she is thinking of adding to what she has already done. Phil said that he would get more white stones if she wanted them.

PD

g) Planters in town centre, Crown Walk flowerbed, Slepe Hall Field

It is hoped that the new planters will be positioned by the telephone boxes in the Sheepmarket – Hattie will check on Margaret's request for permission and will also contact HDC. Phil had been unable to find out further details about the Crown Walk flowerbed, Hattie will write to HDC about planting up in the autumn.

HG/MK

The design (purple and white 60) for Slepe Hall Field flowerbed has been agreed and Hattie will make notices to explain 60 years of Britain in Bloom.

HG

- h) Volunteers have requested that we should supply name badges for them to wear during work parties. Carole has bought them, and Hattie will make the names before Thursday's work party.

HG

4. Review diary dates for June

The dates for work parties were confirmed for June. Those for July will be arranged once the date of the Anglia in Bloom judging is known.

5. ANGLIA IN BLOOM

a) Draft ROUTE for JUDGES with Special Awards

It was decided that Kerry and Phil would make the final decisions on the Special Awards nominations and route for the judges after they have met with Chris Durham (Anglia in Bloom judge). ***(Notes added after the meeting – Appendix A attached as a separate document.)*** Phil will book the electric boat river trip. Welcome notices were discussed for the TC noticeboards and this will be followed up once we have the date for Anglia in Bloom.

KM/PD
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MK/BC

b) Areas for 'It's Your Neighbourhood' and Virtual Categories

Kerry is still looking into areas for the It's Your Neighbourhood award. She has decided not to submit any areas of the town into the virtual categories, unless one of the pubs or restaurants in the competition stands out as being worth entering.

c) Portfolio

Kerry has started writing the portfolio and would be pleased if anybody has additional photographs which might be added. Beccy is writing about activities run by STAR and the No Butts campaign and Hattie will write about schools' projects.

KM/BC
ALL

6. Request for support for Flower and Produce Show

The Flower and Produce Show has again asked for a contribution, raised from £75 to £100 because of the additional cost for the Corn Exchange. It was felt that we should continue to support this event, and Hattie will find out if we can sponsor a specific prize with the additional money. Robin has let us know that he has started judging the allotments - awards to be given at the Show – but that there is a lot of difficulty with waterlogging for many allotment holders.

HG

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A problem has been identified with the area proposed for bulb planting which is, at the moment, under long grass. A verge in Elm Drive, and an area of Wilson Way, were agreed as the other two areas. Hattie will now consult with HDC on this and ask them to cut the grass earlier on the Waveney Road/ Marley Road junction.

HG

8. DATE and TIME of NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will start at **7pm** at
Morrisons Community Room on Tuesday 25th June