

ST IVES IN BLOOM MEETING MINUTES

Morrison's Community Room

7:00pm on May 29th, 2025

Attendees: Phil Davies, Sarah Banks-Crang, Karen Jarratt, Carole Parker, Kerry Maguire, Margaret King, Hattie Grimwade

Apologies: Yvonne Davies, Sue Street, Beccy Chapman.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

MATTERS ARISING:

Item 2: (P) Blue diamond not yet responded. Phil will chase.

2. FINANCE UPDATE (SARAH)

(S) Forms for finance P+R completed. "Just Giving" page set up, now to contact customer services. (H) asked if there was budget for the corner bed at the Waits. Yes £400. (K) thought was more as need funds for tree planting. (P) Don't want project leads to be discouraged from purchasing what they need.

(S) last month circulated finance update. Will update this and will include in future meetings. (P) offered help if needed.

3. ANGLIA IN BLOOM

(K) entries all in. Holt Island is a "stand alone" entry. SIIB have paid for 2 Virtual entries for pubs. The main entry is St Ives, the other being Holt Island. SIIB paid for both, but Holt Island will refund us their fee. (P) this way Spring Common have more time allocation and Holt Island get more focussed attention on their work. (P) Keith G very supportive. Hattie to pass on our thanks to him. (K) "Specials" will be sorted later. "IYN" Graeme from Warren Road has yet to give us his details. (H) has email contact for him of nothing heard by Sunday's deadline. Judging is due between July 7-25th but Judges aware of timing if schools involved, so asked if St Ives can now be judged week beg 2/7. (P) no issues with that and means schools will be included. (C) to let cake maker know of new date. (H) Trevor at Cranbrooks also needs to know.

4. PUBLIC HOUSES/HOTELS/RESTAURANTS

(K) 2 places left for public houses to enter. Carole will go asking for entries as long as she has assistance.

Virtuals need to be submitted by end of June and will need to be judged before then. (H) old fliers can be used and (P) will put on social media to encourage pubs to enter. Carole will begin asking for entries once this has been done. (S) can we add QR code? (P) yes and will be linked to "Just Giving" page.

5. AUTUMN BULB PLANTING

(H) Re: Warren Road (Graeme). (P) he does not seem to have any volunteers. HDC will mow round any areas if there is a 6ft strip for the mower to get round. (P) requests for planting of daffs elsewhere? could ask for suggestions for new planting areas on social media. P has list of all areas currently planted up. Robin is again buying bubs for this autumn but will not be involved beyond this year. (H) he will donate the equipment.

6. COMMUNITY DAY

(H) The day was well attended and was held at the Free Church. We only had one table which was a little cramped. Very useful for networking and social contacts. Good that we were represented. (M) Hattie and I dressed in green for the occasion! (S) Esme was very impressed with STAR's litter pick children's activity and was rewarded with chocolate!

7. GREEN WEEK

(H) 2 main events planned; stall on 7/6@ town hall and gardening @ the corner of the waits on 8/6 then there is the planting and activities @ Burleigh hill entre on Weds 11/6 Hattie is sorting. For all events see poster and in the Riverporter.

8. UPDATES ON PROJECTS:

8.1 See previous discussion (item 7)

8.2 (P) and (M) to go buy tubs. (K) as plants in readiness.

8.3 Bulb see item 5.

8.4 At Broadleas cemetery, Pat is pleased with the "dead hedge" he is building. Nothing is planned for Westwood Road cemetery as too busy with AiB.

8.5 Pat will plant the polyanthus removed from the Waits beds in the autumn.

8.6 Carole reports that the Norris Museum bed is now finished. It is very bright and eye-catching. (P) it has received positive praise from passersby. (S) keeping sunflowers going! (P) Council should begin watering. Let him now if this does not happen.

8.7 To look at sorting the conifer at the riverside. (H) has bought plants (P) trying to set up a meeting with HDC to ensure they do not perform any unexpected works before judging! (K) dug up 300 polyanthus plants from the Waits beds which took awhile to pot up! Thanks go to Hattie, Karen, Yvonne, Kerry and Phil. (P) has asked for some storage at the allotments for pots, compost etc...

- 8.8 If judges are coming earlier, we'll need 2 sessions @ P+R before their arrival. (H) will circulate an additional work party date. (K) is worthwhile spending time on the P+R as this will appeal to the judges. (M) suggested a litter-pick there may be helpful.
- 8.9 No work parties needed in summer.
- 8.10 (K) there is a work party there on Saturday. There are many plants to go in the mausoleum beds. Carole watered the beds by the gates. (K) would like bark for topping up various beds. Carole would like bark for the gates beds after weeding. (S) Robin has bought plants and Carole and Hattie confirmed he has finished planting up (K) the "bus stop" planter.
- 8.11 Elm Drive: Sheila has been given a certificate. She has a broken wrist and neighbours are helping. (H) 3-tiered planters are done. (P) replaced some tub plants (K) tubs by fish and chip shop still need doing. At the Grove surgery, Carole reports all is done now; polyanthus all in and looking good. Just need to prompt staff to water. (S) will sort invoice with Phil.

9. UPCOMING DIARY DATES

- 9.1 (H) already added June 11th and added P+R, Station Road, and the Waits. Need one more each P+R and Ramsey Road date. (P) wait for confirmation of judging date before fixing.
- 9.2 Venue for AGM: (P) suggested the same venue as last year @ the methodist church, or at the Burleigh hill centre. To try Burleigh hill first. Going for a date in October. (P) to talk to Libby @ HDC

10. AOB

- 10.1 (P) to review SIIB policies and procedures. (H) they are in the secretary's folder. The dates are on them and some are 2 yearly. The constitution is ok. Need to update specified contacts and check renewal dates.
- 1.1 (H) Carbon literacy training at the library all day on June 10th. Is free but people must register to attend. Hattie is going.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

In view of the earlier judging date it was felt the next meeting should also be earlier than usual. **Thursday June 19th. 7.00pm @ Morrisons Community Room.** Carole will check room availability.