

WELDON IN BLOOM MINUTES – MEETING HELD MONDAY 20TH JAN 2025

WIB 1601 To receive and accept apologies

Apologies- Anthony Astin, Greg Jeffries.

Attendees- Colin Shepard, Jane Clowery, Sharon Hannah, Fiona Ashby-Clarke, Caroline Langford, Andy Haynes, John Cooke, Janet Gibson.

WIB 1602 Declarations of Interest

JG- Allotments

AH – Cricket Club

WIB 1603 To approve the minutes 18th November 2024

Approved

WIB 1604 To welcome any new attendees

Janet Gibson

WIB 1605 Lists of seeds and plug plants to be purchased for Spring Planting

All submissions for finance are sent to the Maintenance Committee, who will forward the application to Kane Taylor (Finance) for approval, and depending on the amount, may have to go to full Council approval. WIB plant on behalf of Maintenance. To this end at present the parish Clerk has already agreed up to £100 for the purchasing of the seeds. CS to confirm with KT what is available for the plug plants etc. CS handed out a list of the seeds as well as a list of plug plants which are to be purchased to run with the theme of Celebration ie bright and vibrant colours.

WIB 1606 WIB area at Larratt Rd Allotments

JG informed the committee that a half plot together with various sheds, poly tunnels etc has become available on the allotments and will be available for the use of WIB (subject to Full Council Approval). This would be a fantastic opportunity, as it means that the Parish Council would effectively have its own plant nursery run by WIB. Compost could be produced and hopefully being on the allotments it may encourage more people to become involved with WIB. JG suggested that people on the allotment waiting list might also like to become involved. By having the facilities, it would also mean that going forward costs would eventually come down as many of the plants could be grown from seed or cuttings.

WIB 1607 Cricket Club displays 2025

AH reported that plans are coming together regarding the displays. The Cricket Club will be funding these and ideas for the logo are being discussed around a cricket bat design, maybe using chicken wire. AH also informed the group that due to a health issue, he would be out of action for a while, but that he was more than happy for his poly tunnel to be used if needed.

WIB 1608 Funding for 2025-2026

The budget has yet to be finally approved but the provisional budget allocates £4,500 for new plants and planters. The costing for the planters outside of the shop have come in at £2,500 including an

allowance for plants and £2000 for plants compost and bulbs elsewhere. There is also £300 allocated to WIB which covers entry to the RHS Competition etc.

WIB 1609 Ideas for potential sponsors for gardening competitions etc.

JG put forward several suggestions for possible sponsors. These included Adrenalin Alley, Tuckers, House at No1, Tara's, Mobile Coffee Co and RS Components. CS to re-contact the Spice Co. The planters that were sponsored last year will have their logos put on once the ones under the notice boards at the top of Hillside Crescent and by Woodlands are re-positioned.

WIB 1610 The Roundhouse and Village Green

CS to contact Parish Maintenance about supply of fence panels from the allotments to use for the construction of the trough by the Roundhouse. Once the work regarding the pruning of the trees on the Village Green has taken place, the contractor has been asked to leave any logs of a decent size as these can then be used to edge the flower beds.

WIB 1611 Possible ways/tasks for Community Payback Team to help with village displays

CS suggested that the Community Payback Team could re-paint all the wooden planters and with Kathryn's approval (CPT co-ordinator) that a regular cleaning routine to remove the vape stickers from the bins outside of the Londis could be set up.

WIB 1612 Gardening tasks to be completed in Jan/Feb

CS informed the committee of those tasks needed to be completed. These included CS to liaise to JC to update the 10 Bridges Walk leaflet, to include more landmarks.

WIB 1613 Future agenda items for next meeting

To start planning for this years WIB entry.

WIB 1614 Date of next meeting

MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY – WELDON CRICKET CLUB