

Norton in Bloom Minutes

9th January 2020

Attendees	
Jim Blackburn Sarah Moulson Roger & Jill Taylor	Malcolm & Ann McDonald Ann Holland

Annual General Meeting 2020

Item		Action Ref
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Many!</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of 2019 AGM</p> <p>Agreed</p>	
3.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Jim reported that the accounts showed a healthy balance at present, but it was noted that there may not be as many fund-raising events in 2020 and more expenditure. He had laid them out to show the cost and income from various functions. For example, he pointed out that the notelets had just broken even but there was a deficit from the portfolios He was thanked for presenting very clear accounts.</p>	
4.	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>A comprehensive report of the year's activities compiled by Amy was read out by Ann.</p>	
5.	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>The following officers were elected for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>Chairman Ann Holland Vice chairman Sarah Moulson Secretary Amy Hammond Treasurer Jim Blackburn Committee. Jill and Roger Taylor, Lyn Blackburn.</p>	

End of the AGM

General Meeting which followed the above.

1.	<p>Minutes from the Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes agreed</p> <p>Matters Arising</p>	
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	<p>Malcolm reported that the sign at the pool had fallen over when he checked its security as the legs were completely rotten! Much of the frame was also rotten and he suggested that a completely new frame and hardwood posts was required. It was agreed that a quote would be sought for a new one using the existing graphics.</p> <p>He also reported that there seem to be a bit of confusion over Christmas lights in the churchyard and so he and Jeff Rutter had put some on the bus shelter instead. These were bought by the group and are battery operated.</p>	
2.	<p>Finances</p> <p>See AGM minutes.</p>	
3.	<p>2020 Competitions</p> <p>If the group is to enter in an In Bloom competition this year then it has to be the regional Heart of England in Bloom level. Due to the low number of people at the meeting it was decided to defer a decision until the next meeting as entering needs a level of commitment from quite a few people.</p>	
4.	<p>Date of the Village Show</p> <p>Woore were holding their show on the 5th of September and had asked Norton not to clash with it; as the weekend before is a bank holiday the only option seem to be the 12th of September. This would be discussed again at the next meeting.</p>	
5.	<p>Work Parties</p> <p>The Monday morning work parties would continue in the season plus others arranged on an ad hoc basis, with people also looking after their own areas. It was felt that an email reminder from Amy on immediate jobs to be done was very useful.</p> <p>The annual tidy at Parton's Pool would be undertaken on Saturday 8th Feb at 10am, led by Jeff Rutter.</p>	
6.	<p>Events for 2020</p> <p>It was agreed that the Easter egg hunt was very successful and the group would like it to continue this year, and also the annual plant sale.</p> <p>There was enthusiasm to have a talk by Duncan Shough (who undertook the Parish Council front gardens judging and talked at the celebration evening) to the group with perhaps a hotpot supper.</p> <p>Sarah also suggested that, as the garden at Goldstone Hall had received an award in 2019, that the gardener there (Nick Huxley) might well give an interesting talk to the group - (or host a group visit to Goldstone?). It was also thought that he might be willing to undertake the Parish Council front gardens judging in 2020 and talk.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Sarah was pushing to have an area at the new car park behind the bus shelter for compost bins or green bins provided that the group kept the area nice and tidy. Ann still wanted to pursue the possibility of having council green bins for our rubbish, which could be kept there.</p> <p>The replacement of the cherry tree in the Hartley bed was also raised as the In Bloom judges had commented on its poor health. It was decided to try manuring it well this year rather than out and out replacement immediately, as this had produced improvement in the past. The Parish Council had consulted the group over remedial work to be carried out on the large cherry trees on the green.</p> <p>Sarah reminded the meeting that the lack of heritage information in the village centre was commented on by the 2019 judges and the group had felt that this should be rectified; the obvious place would be a panel in the bus shelter. She would come up with ideas and see if the Parish council might be willing to contribute.</p>	

Next meeting to be held, Thursday 6th February, 7:30pm at The Hind's Head.