

## Norton in Bloom Minutes

6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

| Attendees  |  |
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| Jim & Lyn Blackburn<br>Sarah Moulson<br>Roger & Jill Taylor<br>Maggie Edmunds<br>Heather Green | Malcolm & Ann McDonald<br>Ann Holland<br>Veronica Green<br>Amy Hammond |

| Item |   | Action Ref |
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| 1.   | <p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Rob &amp; Marie Blackshaw</p>  |            |
| 2.   | <p><b>Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising</b></p> <p>The Parton's Pool sign frame needs replacing, Ann to obtain a quote.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b><br/>BGA_058: Ann to obtain a quote to replace the Parton's Pool sign frame.</p>  | BGA_058    |
| 3.   | <p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>Outgoings for the month have included Public Liability insurance and our contribution to the magazine, incomings have been from Malcolm's honey sales. The balance is currently healthy.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the group's contribution to the magazine. Malcolm suggested that we make an additional contribution if the group feel they are able to do so given the group's articles usually take up at least 2 pages. The group agreed that they would make an additional £50 contribution to the magazine.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b><br/>BGD_008: The group decided to make an additional £50 contribution to the magazine.</p>   | BGD_008    |
| 4.   | <p><b>2020 Competitions</b></p> <p>The group discussed the work required to enter a competition and therefore whether they want to enter the Heart of England competition. It was agreed that the group would enter the Heart of England competition and that the portfolio will be a stripped down version to reduce the workload.</p> <p>There was a short discussion on members of the group taking photos throughout the year and storing on Dropbox for inclusion in the portfolio and other materials used for the competitions.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b><br/>BGA_059: The group agreed that they will enter the Heart of England competition in 2020.<br/>BGA_060: Amy to confirm with those that don't attend meetings but help the group in other ways, are happy to continue this year.</p> | BGA_059    |
| 5.   | <p><b>Interpretation Board</b></p> <p>Sarah has been working on the development of an interpretation board for the village, which the Parish Council have agreed to fund.</p>   |            |

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|    | <p>An interpretation board is a map of points of interest in the village that is approximately waist height. Sarah placed an advert in the Bradling Stone asking for suggestions and has had a good response. She also has a meeting with Hannah Hague to identify the historical points of interest for inclusion on the map.</p> <p>It had been suggested that its location be at the entrance of the new car park, not the bus shelter because that is a war memorial and it would not be appropriate to detract from that. Additionally, Sarah suggested that a smaller copy be held at the Village Hall and in leaflet format.</p>   |  |
| 6. | <p><b>Summer Planting</b></p> <p>There was a brief discussion about the planting scheme and it concluded that people think about it for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Actions</b><br/>BGA_061: Ann to confirm the RHS theme.</p>  | BGA_061                                      |
| 7. | <p><b>Dates for 2020 Events</b></p> <p>The following dates were agreed for events throughout 2020:<br/>Easter Egg Hunt: 11<sup>th</sup> April<br/>Plant Sale: 6<sup>th</sup> June<br/>Village Show: 12<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>Additional events discussed, but dates not agreed:<br/>A talk from the Goldstone Hall Head Gardener – Amy to investigate availability.<br/>Wreath making class in the run up to Christmas.<br/>There was also discussion about the possibility of having a spring show to provide some alternative categories and maybe attract new entrants.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b><br/>BGA_062: Amy to contact Goldstone Hall about the possibility of the Head Gardener coming to the village to talk in the autumn.</p>  | BGA_062                                      |
| 8. | <p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>The guttering on the bus shelter is leaking, which is killing the plants in the trough below. Sarah will raise with the Parish Council. Jim has already cleared the guttering of leaves, so that is not the cause. It was agreed that in the interim, we move the trough away from the leak.</p> <p>Napley Corner was discussed as a potential project. Lyn to speak to Joe.</p> <p>The next work party will be at the school to tidy and mulch, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2pm.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b><br/>BGA_063: Sarah to inform the Parish Council of the leaking guttering on the bus shelter.<br/>BGA_064: Lyn to speak to Joe about Napley Corner.<br/>BGA_065: Amy to order a sack of mulch for the beds at the school in time for the work party on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.</p> | <p>BGA_063</p> <p>BGA_064</p> <p>BGA_065</p> |

**Next meeting to be held, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm at The Hind's Head.**