

## Norton in Bloom Minutes

6<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Attendees	
Lyn Blackburn Ann Holland Amy Yorke Malcolm & Ann McDonnald	Carol & Bev Swales Chris Green Sally Peake

Item		Action Ref
1.	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Marie &amp; Rob Blackshaw, Una Cole, Jim Blackburn, Sarah Moulson, Veronica Green</p>	
2.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>None</p>	
3.	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><u>Duck Race:</u> There was a fantastic turn out for the duck race – thanks to Ann and Richard for hosting and to all those that setup and helped on the day. Over £400 was raised on the day.</p> <p><u>Plant Sale:</u> The plant sale was a huge success, with in excess of 200 plants donated. Thanks to all that donated and helped on the day, we raised over £300.</p> <p><u>Parish Council Donation:</u> We have now received our donation from the Parish Council.</p> <p>The expenditure has been on the Mary Keay bed, the bedding plants for summer planting, compost and fertiliser.</p> <p>The balance is currently healthy.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Village Festival</b></p> <p>Note cards to sell at the festival, in the pub, church and cricket club, have been ordered with Panda Print, through Nigel and will be arriving early w/c 10/06. We will display the Britain in Bloom banner on the gazebo. 10:30 meet to setup, festival commences at 1pm.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Portfolio / Preparation for Judging Day.</b></p> <p>Chris confirmed that he will commence the design of the portfolio the week commencing 17/06, which must be submitted to the RHS by the end of June. Chris intends to print the portfolio using Panda Print. Chris asked that for anyone that would like to write a paragraph about the work they do as part of the bloom group, please submit it to him by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June for inclusion in the portfolio.</p> <p>Feedback from last year was that there was a lack of sponsorship logos and therefore we will be including Brassington's, Parish Council, Rotary Club and the Hind's Head. If anybody can think of any that we have missed, please contact Chris.</p> <p>The theme of the planting was discussed and it was agreed that the WI was too tenuous and therefore, it was agreed that we would use the theme of Polio.</p>	<p>BGA_015</p> <p>BGA_016</p>

<p>The judging date is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August and Chris highlighted that there is a wedding at the cricket club that weekend, therefore, there is a possibility that the marquee will be dismantled on the same day as the judging. Chris investigate whether it is possible to arrange the dismantling for a time that doesn't clash with the judging, which takes place 9:00 – 10:30.</p>	<p>BGA_017</p>
<p>It was agreed that we will use the same route as last year: starting at the Village Hall and ending at the cricket club. Maps used last year to be re-used.</p>	
<p>In preparation for the judging, we will hold a litter pick, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 10am meet at the bus shelter and a road sweep Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Dead heading is something the judges deduct marks for, therefore, it was agreed that there will be a work party, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August to deadhead all beds on the judging route. Time to be confirmed. Additionally, Sally suggested that it would be prudent to have someone walk the course 30 minutes prior to the judges to check for any litter etc. The detail of who will be responsible for this is to be agreed.</p>	<p>BGA_018 BGA_019</p>
<p>It was agreed that Chris and Amy will give the presentation to the judges at the Village Hall. It is yet to be decided who will drive the judges to Parton's Pool and who will escort the judges around the village.</p>	
<p>Chris raised that the school has a flagpole that isn't used and asked the group whether they thought we should have a bloom flag. The group agreed that we should have a flag made with the Norton in Bloom logo to be flown on the school flagpole during judges and used as a banner for future events.</p>	<p>BGA_020</p>
<p>For all those that water, please ensure that roses are not used when watering this year, to ensure the petunias are at their best.</p>	
<p>Re-filling of the water butts was discussed. Chris confirmed that Roly Tavernor has agreed that he will provide water for the water butts, however this will not happen weekly. As a result, it was agreed that we would move the water butts from behind the bush shelter and re-locate to the pub, with their agreement. They are more likely to fill when it rains at the pub and it is a more convenient location for them to be re-filled. For those able to help with the move, meet at the bus shelter at 10am on Saturday.</p>	
<p>It was also proposed that we replace the water butts behind the bus shelter with compost bins made from spare pallets that Ann has. Chris also suggested that we have a small compost bin at the Village Hall.</p>	<p>BGA_021 BGA_022</p>
<p>Chris confirmed that he was unable to manage the project at the school to install veg patches. The group agreed that we should postpone this activity for after the judging.</p>	
<p><u>Actions:</u>            BGA_015: If you would like to, please submit a paragraph about your work with the Bloom group, for inclusion in the portfolio, by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.            BGA_016: If there are any sponsors, other than: Brassington's, Parish Council, Rotary Club or the Hind's Head, please contact Chris Green with the details for inclusion in the portfolio.            BGA_017: Chris to confirm whether it is possible for the marquee at the cricket club to be dismantled outside of our judging timeslot.            BGA_018: Malcolm to confirm to Amy whether we need to request any grabbers from the council.            BGA_019: Amy to contact the council to arrange a road sweep, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.            BGA_020: Chris to design and purchase a flag of the Norton in Bloom logo.            BGA_021: Amy to confirm with the Parish Council whether they are happy for the group to replace the water butts behind the bus shelter with compost bins.            BGA_022: Chris to confirm with Alan Dutton whether it is possible to have a compost bin at the Village Hall.</p>	

6.	<p><b>Work Parties</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the group will operate two working parties: one on a Monday morning and a second on Thursday evenings. Amy and Ann to agree work party activities.</p> <p>It was requested by the group that the watering rota be circulated.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u>  BGA_023: Amy and Ann to organise work parties and agree their focus.  BGA_024: Amy to document and circulate the watering rota.</p>	<p>BGA_023</p> <p>BGA_024</p>
7.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><u>Ginger &amp; Spice Festival</u></p> <p>The festival organisers have been in contact with Chris, requesting whether the group would like to be involved by using the ginger and spice theme to plant a bed near to the pub to help with promotion. The group discussed the proposal and concluded that there are too many other activities over the next two months – in preparation for judging – to be able to accommodate this activity.</p>	

**Next meeting to be held at the Hinds Head, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm.**