

Norton in Bloom Minutes

2nd May 2019

Attendees	
Jim & Lyn Blackburn Sarah Moulson Ann Holland Veronica Green Amy Yorke	Carol & Bev Swales Marie & Rob Blackshaw Chris Green Una Cole Malcolm & Ann McDonald

Item		Action Ref
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Sally Peake</p>	
2.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>At the last meeting, it was agreed that we would enter the Heart of England competition. However, after making contact with them to arrange judging within a couple of days of the National judging, they were unable to accommodate the request. Therefore, we will not be entering the Heart of England competition this year and our sole focus will be Britain in Bloom.</p>	
3.	<p>Finance</p> <p><u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success with over 35 children participating and receiving an Easter Egg at the end – kindly donated by Morrison's. We made almost £90 on the refreshments, so thank you to all those involved in the organising and running of the event.</p> <p><u>Mary Quay Bed</u> Some work has been completed on the Mary Quay Bed of approximately £80.</p> <p><u>Parish Council Donation</u> We have not yet received a donation from the Parish Council.</p> <p>There is currently a healthy balance.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> BGA_001: Amy to contact the Parish Council to confirm when they will be sending their donation.</p>	BGA_001
4.	<p>Duck Race</p> <p>There will be a work party, Saturday 4th May, 10:30am at Forge Farm to clear the river bank.</p> <p>Malcolm has developed a race card, providing details of the duck names, race rules and entry fees. For each race the buyer will receive a slip with the duck's details and race number for each duck they purchase. Race number four will be slightly different, in addition to betting on a duck, people will be able to purchase ducks as their trainer and the winning trainer will win £20. The last race will be £2 per duck to enter and the winnings for that race will be decided on the day, depending on the number of people that are around for the last race. Malcolm's schedule will be published on Facebook a few days before the race. Bev & Carol will put the posters up on Wednesday</p>	BGA_002

	<p>For the BBQ, it was agreed that we would serve 150 hot dogs the meat and rolls need to be sourced – Ann and Sarah following up on this with Shepley’s and Morrison’s. Ann will also supply the condiments. Veronica agreed to provide some vegetarian sausages.</p> <p>Refreshments are being managed by Lyn. Please contact Lyn if you are able to donate a cake / something sweet.</p> <p>There will be a work party on Friday (10th May) at 5pm to move the chairs and tables from the village hall to Forge Farm and to erect the gazebos at the farm.</p> <p>We currently do not have any prizes for the tombola, therefore, if you are able to donate anything, please take it to Una at Longfield, Main Road (Janice Tavener’s old house).</p> <p>There is very limited parking at the farm, therefore it was agreed that we would put some signs along Forge Lane informing people that there is only disabled parking available. This will also be included on all the adverts.</p> <p>Chris suggested that it would be good to advertise the group at the event. He agreed to organise an information board to display information about the group, such as excerpts from the portfolio.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> BGA_002: Malcolm to publish the duck race schedule on the Facebook page a few days prior to the race. BGA_003: Ann to organise the sausages for the BBQ with Shepley’s and supply the condiments. BGA_004: Sarah to ask Morrison’s whether they are able to donate 150 bread rolls. BGA_005: Veronica to make some signs for Forge Lane to indicate that there is only disabled parking at the farm. BGA_006: Chris to arrange an information board for the duck race.</p>	<p>BGA_003 BGA_004</p> <p>BGA_005</p> <p>BGA_006</p>
5.	<p>Village Fair Stall</p> <p>Conversation around what we could use a stall for concluded that we wanted to keep it simple and effort to a minimum given all of the other events we have planned. It was agreed that we would display some information about the group – similar to that to be used at the duck race. It was also suggested that we make some notelet cards using a photo of the tulips in the centre of the village to sell. We will also offer gardening advice, where people will be able to come and ask questions about garden maintenance, such as how to prune fruit trees. It was agreed that obelisks were not financially viable, and therefore, we would not make any to sell.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> BGA_007: Amy to obtain a quote from Nigel for notelets, half the size of the Christmas cards and blank inside.</p>	BGA_007
6.	<p>Doorstep Competition</p> <p>Malcom included details of the competition in the Bradling Stone; there will be no need to enter, judging will take place towards the end of July. The competition will run alongside the Parish Council’s front garden competition, which Ann is not available to judge. She, along with Amy and Veronica will judge the front doorsteps. The prize for the competition will be presented at the Village Show.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> BGA_008: Amy to notify the council of the doorstep competition and advise that it will be running alongside the front garden competition, which Ann will be unable to judge.</p>	BGA_008
7.	<p>School Veg Patch</p> <p>The school are happy for us to install a veg patch and they have agreed to maintain it, using their gardening club. There was a discussion about the options and their cost, whether that be install two beds, numerous barrels, or a couple of barrels and a wooden</p>	

	<p>trough from the horse wash. It was agreed that we would invest in 4 barrels and move one of the wooden troughs from the horse wash to contain veg.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> BGD_001: It was agreed to purchase 4 barrels to be located at the school. BGA_009: Chris to arrange the purchase of the barrels and the move of the wooden trough from the horse wash to the school.</p>	BGD_001 BGA_009
8.	<p>Planting</p> <p>It was agreed that we need to have another work party, Monday 13th May, 9am to tidy Napley Corner. It was agreed that Rob and Marie Blackshaw will look after the Jubilee Bed going forward.</p> <p>Ann has ordered the plants for the summer planting, which will arrive the last week in May. An additional work part will be required the week before to remove all of the spring planting. It was agreed that we would refresh the compost in the barrels.</p> <p>Veronica has agreed to organise the hanging baskets and she will source the flowers separately for these.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> BGD_002: It was agreed that we would purchase some compost to refresh the barrels. BGA_010: Malcolm to purchase the compost for the barrels. BGA_011: Ann to send veronica the planting scheme.</p>	BGD_002 BGA_010 BGA_011
9.	<p>Watering</p> <p>We currently do not have enough people to water the village and therefore agreed that we would appeal for more waterers. Additionally, we don't have anyone available to manage the watering rota, therefore, Amy and Ann will manage this over the summer.</p> <p>We also discussed the supply of water over the summer once the butts are empty. Chris volunteered to speak to Roly to see whether his farm would be able to fill the water butts and trough for us.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> BGA_012: Amy to send a request to the distribution list for watering volunteers. BGA_013: Chris to see if Roly would be able to fill up the water butts over the summer.</p>	BGA_012 BGA_013
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p><u>Crocuses from the Rotary Club</u> Ron Lucas has asked whether we would like some more crocuses. It was agreed that we would accept the offer and say that we can take up to 1500 crocuses. We will confirm their planting location(s) nearer to the time.</p> <p><u>WI Trees</u> In the previous meeting, Lyn mentioned that she might be able to get hold of some large WI tree logos that could be used as part of the decoration around the village to link the planning to our WI theme. She has tracked the trees down and it was agreed that we would use them in the Village Hall for the judging day, not at the bus shelter as originally discussed as there won't be any space once the hanging baskets are up.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> BGA_014: Amy to reply to Ron, confirming that we would like to accept his offer of crocuses.</p>	BGA_014

Next meeting to be held at the Hinds Head, Thursday 6th June, 7:30pm.