

Norton in Bloom Minutes

14th November 2019

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

Item		Action Ref
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Sally Peake, Maggie</p>	
2.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Upon audit, there were no issues with the barrels.</p> <p>The sign at Parton's Pool – Malcolm will assess the integrity of the structure, however, Veronica reported that she did not think the information board needed replacing. Jill and Roger offered two fence posts to replace the existing legs if they have rotted.</p> <p>Marie is asking the PCC – next week – whether we can put Christmas lights on the existing trees in the churchyard. She will also ask whether it is possible to plant a dedicated tree for Christmas lights.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> BGA_054: Malcolm to assess whether the structure of the information board at Parton's Pool needs replacing.</p>	BGA_054
3.	<p>Finance</p> <p>Outgoings over the last month have focussed around the winter planting, which came to ~£590. Incomings have been from the note card sales at the pub.</p>	
4.	<p>Britain in Bloom Report</p> <p>The report noted that a couple of cherry trees, one next to the Brassington bed and another in the Hartley bed were distressed. The group discussed this point and noted that discussions had previously taken place about replacing both. The one in the Hartley bed is a memorial tree and therefore, it must be agreed with the family and the other is managed by the council, which the Parish Council have agreed an action plan to address.</p> <p>The report suggested that the group improve the bed in the church to show off the history of the irons and maybe include an information board.</p> <p>The judges also noted that there were a number of beds that were in close proximity to street furniture. The group reflected on the observation and agreed that it might be possible to move the grit box at the top of Forge Lane further down the lane.</p> <p>The group discussed the comments about sustainability and raised two points: having an area in the new car park to house some green bins and making a composting area at the cricket club. Sarah suggested that it may be possible to have a small, covered area, on the new car park to house a few green bins for the group to use. Lyn reported that Roly currently arranges for the cuttings that are put in the corner of the playing field car park to be removed, but Lyn suggested that we ask if it is possible to build a more permanent composting structure to relinquish the need for it to be removed.</p>	<p>BGA_056</p> <p>BGA_057</p>

	<p>The judges also noted that the telephone box was a very novel idea, but they thought the position was less than ideal. To address this problem the group agreed that it would be good to include signage either in the Parish Council notice board or in the Mary Keay bed.</p> <p>The report also suggested that hedges should not be cut before September without confirming that there are no birds nesting. Therefore, we ask that everyone first checks the hedges before cutting and we will remind people in the summer.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> BGA_055: Amy to circulate the Britain in Bloom judging report with the minutes. BGA_056: Amy to ask the Parish Council whether it would be possible to move the grit box at the top of Forge Lane. BGA_057: Lyn to ask Roly whether it is possible to install a compost bin in the corner of the playing field car park.</p>	
5.	<p>Christmas Fair</p> <p>Sally will be in the kitchen for those setting up and then Sarah, Jill and Vron will help throughout the day.</p>	
6.	<p>Work Parties</p> <p>It was agreed that the tulips will be planted as and when people have time, rather than during a specific work party. It was agreed that the areas will be covered as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse Wash – Sarah • Village Hall – Vron • Brassington Bed – Jill and Roger • Triangle – Ann and Malcolm • Griffin Close – Bev and Carol • Jubilee Bed – Rob and Marie • The barrels in the centre of the village – Jim and Lyn • Hartley Bed – Amy and Ann • Cricket Club – Jim and Lyn • School - Sally <p>Ann will mix the tulips and then Lyn and Jim will circulate round to those who are planting.</p> <p>Road sign beds to be stripped of summer planting.</p>	
7.	<p>Christmas Cards</p> <p>The group discussed the options for the Christmas Cards, given we have been unable to find a suitable “Christmas” photo. Nigel had suggested that we change the theme to support the Purple4Polio cause, as we did for our summer planting. However, it was agreed that given the proximity to Christmas, we would not produce any Christmas Cards for 2019.</p>	
8.	<p>AGM</p> <p>It was agreed that the AGM will be held Thursday 9th January 2020, 7.30pm in The Hind’s Head.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Ron Lucas had been in contact about whether it would be possible for the group to make a donation for the receipt of the crocus corms from the Rotary Club for the Purple4Polio campaign. The group discussed the idea and concluded that it was not appropriate for the group to make a charitable donation, as we do not want to be seen to be supporting specific causes.</p>	

	<p>Nigel has updated the honours board with detail of our Britain in Bloom Gold. Vron is now going to arrange for the engraving on the cup and a plaque for the Best Kept Village sign.</p> <p>Malcolm and Ann have agreed to host a social – they will be circulating a date by email.</p> <p><u>Please note: there will not be a meeting in December.</u></p>	
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Next meeting to be held at The Hinds Head, Thursday 9th January, 7:30pm at The Hind's Head.