

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL  
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY  
HELD ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2019  
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 11.00 am

Meeting concluded: 12.04 pm

**PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Roger Bailey (Chairman), Councillor Clive Webb, Councillor Davis, Councillor Jos Holder, Zoe Scott (Community and Grounds Administrator) Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager) Jim Sellars, Sandra Sellars, Jenny Gosden, Bev Tucker, Roger Brown, Philip Dinham and Pauline Priestman.

1.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes  Apologies were received from Cllr Peak, Cllr Willis, Cllr Armstrong												
2.	Declarations of Interest  There were none received.												
3.	To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 30th October 2018  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Jenny Gosden <b>SECONDED:</b> Cllr Webb  <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.												
3a.	Review of actions from minutes of the previous meeting:  Nothing to add.												
4.	Monthly Finance Report:  The remaining balance was £232.53p.												
5.	Spring Seminar – Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019:  The Chairman, Tess Bailey and Cllr Willis (tbc) will attend with the cost of tickets coming out of the Weston in Bloom Budget.												
6.	Entry 2019 – Marking criteria, to receive the report of the Grounds Administrator:  The report was circulated. The main points to note were the redistribution of marks: Previous Years- <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td>Horticulture</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Environment</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> </table> 2019 onwards – <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td>Horticulture</td> <td>40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Environment</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> </table>	Horticulture	50%	Environment	25%	Community	25%	Horticulture	40%	Environment	30%	Community	30%
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	<p>Currently Worle (which encompasses many features planted by Weston in Bloom) is entered each year for an It's Your Neighbourhood Award. The variety of features and space it covers means it is eligible to enter as a Pennant. This award would require a route to be produced but no portfolio or presentation. It is less formal than the Main Entry category Weston in Bloom enters and first time entry is free (normally £20). It would give those who plant the area more recognition of their hard work and it has been suggested by 2 judges that it is entered as a Pennant due to the amount of features Worle encompasses. In order to ensure there is sufficient budget and planning the Community and Grounds Administrator (CGA) suggested this information to be noted with the potential to implement in the year 2020.</p> <p>The idea of changing the name of Weston in Bloom to 'Weston and Worle in Bloom' was discussed as well as the important focus on community. There was no consensus on this and some members felt it could be divisive and that the Pennant entry would be a better approach. It was suggested to give the idea further thought during the coming year.</p> <p>The Grounds Manager had ordered the summer bedding and also produced a list of sustainable plants for some of the features. The full planting list and schedule will be circulated nearer the time.</p> <p>The idea of researching local nurseries to supply sustainable planting was discussed. The impact on the budget would need to be considered. The Chairman confirmed the budget for the year 19/20 was the same as this years, £19,000. Sustainable planting will be discussed with Roger Brown after the meeting to see if a way forward can be found.</p> <p>The CGA explained how she will come back to the committee with a more formal proposal for a Pennant entry nearer the time.</p>
7.	<p><b>Wallflowers:</b></p> <p>The Chairman didn't think the use of Wallflowers was effective in the WIB planting and he had an issue with many of the stock he used dying.</p> <p>The Grounds Manager explained they were a valid plant to use, cost effective and no complaints were received from the other features planted with them. They offer good colour. They are delivered with a bare root, it is essential that they are planted quickly, within 2 -3 days of receiving them.</p> <p>The Chairman didn't feel the system was working. The CGA explained how this can be discussed at the next planting meeting with the volunteers.</p>
8.	<p><b>Brunel Train:</b></p> <p>This was discussed under sustainable planting in item 6.</p>
9.	<p><b>Thank you to the Grounds Manager:</b></p>

	<p>The Chairman and WIB working party thanked the Grounds Manager for all his hardwork and help. The Grounds Manger was planning on participating in more Green Flag judging and volunteering for the national trust.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>Roger Brown would like to move forward the planting of two trees in Worle where the Wicker Baskets used to be. He will bring a quote to the next meeting in March.</p> <p>Jenny Gosden thought that the two trees planted in pots next to the War Memorial in Worle needed removing and re planting. Roger will do this when the dryer weather comes.</p> <p>The Chairman will contact Perfecta Windows who sponsors a roundabout in Worle for North Somerset Council. The roundabout is overgrown and untidy.</p> <p>Discussion ensued about installing a possible feature on the Italian Gardens. However, it was made know that North Somerset Council want the area left clear.</p> <p>The WIB sign as you come into Weston off the motorway by Junction 21 needs cleaning. The Town Clerk will write to North Somerset about this.</p> <p>Paddock Park needs weeding – the CGA will speak to the volunteers.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 11.00am</p>

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 12.04 pm

Signed:.....

Dated: .....