

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY
HELD ON TUESDAY 19th JULY 2016
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting commenced: 01.00pm

Meeting concluded: 02.00pm

PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Knowles (Chairman), Pauline Priestman (Vice Chairman), Cllr Jocelyn Holder, Roger Brown, Jenny Gosden, Bev Tucker, Zoe Scott (Community Events and Grounds Administrator) Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager)

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tucker, Cllr Willis, Kevin Carlton and Malcolm Nicholson.</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
3.	<p>To agree the minutes of the last Weston in Bloom Working Party meeting held on the 21st June 2016</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Jenny Gosden SECONDED BY: Bev Tucker</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>
3a.	<p>Items raised from the last meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2016</p> <p>No items raised.</p>
4.	<p>Monthly Finance Report</p> <p>The current available budget after deducting known costs was £1,989.43</p>
5.	<p>Judging Day Review</p> <p>Zoe explained how the day went extremely well and the judge, John Wheatley, was impressed by what he saw on Route, especially the work the children had been doing at Westhaven School in supplying the Town Council with plants. The day was sunny and dry and John enjoyed meeting the volunteers at the reception later that day. The results day is in Thursday 6th October.</p> <p>Richard said that the judge who visited the It's Your Neighbourhood Awards with him on Friday had a lovely day and enjoyed looking at Sparky the Donkey in Worle and other WIB features. Sadly Worle station had to cancel their slot on Friday. Roger mentioned he had some plants which may work well at the station and asked if Zoe would forward him the contact details for the volunteer group who help there.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to email Roger contact details for Worle Station.</p>

	<p>Bev mentioned how the Sensory Garden which is looked after by North Somerset has been subjected to some graffiti and vandalism. North Somerset has been contacted.</p> <p>Roger had been experiencing some issues with a fox digging up the boat he maintains. Rob said another WIB Feature had a similar issue and was solved by laying down some wire mesh.</p> <p>Action: Wire meshing be organised for the boat.</p> <p>Pauline wanted it noted that Weston in Bloom thanked Zoe, Bev, Rob and the Grounds Team for all there work in supporting In Bloom.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Weston Ambulance Station</p> <p>Zoe had found out the Ambulance Station was in need of plants and planters and wondered if In Bloom could donate some.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Action: Zoe respond to the Ambulance Station stating how unfortunately this year we are unable however will keep them in mind for next year.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Bev highlighted how the Flowershow is all organised and will be taking place on the 13th August.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to email working party with time slots for the day so people can allocate their time to come and help.</p> <p>Pauline had spoken to Sue and Rod Thomas, 2 of the WIB volunteers. They had an open Garden day at the weekend raising money for Weston Hospice Care which was very successful. Sue had mentioned how since Burt and Cynthia left it has effected the “morale” of the volunteers unfortunately. Zoe explained how it had been said before that Burt and Cynthia leaving would have a big effect on In Bloom and everyone is doing all they can. At the next meeting with the volunteers to discuss the Spring Bedding Zoe will have a discussion with them about what’s going well, what could be improved etc..</p> <p>Rob explained how the Spring Bedding had been ordered and will be delivered in 2 batches, one for Town Council and the other for WIB in order to have to capacity to store and water the plants. It was mentioned to him that the volunteers may need some more compost in order to refresh some of the features.</p> <p>Action: Zoe to speak to the volunteers and find out what compost is needed.</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 9th August 2016, 1.00 pm, Grove House</p>	

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 2.00 pm

Signed:

Dated: