

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL  
WESTON IN BLOOM WORKING PARTY  
HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020  
AT GROVE HOUSE**

**Meeting commenced:** 11.30 am

**Meeting concluded:** 12.17 pm

**PRESENT/IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Roger Bailey, Dave Dash, Helen Thornton, Jill Bute and Raymond Armstrong.

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS:** Kareen Williams, Roger Brown, Philip Dinham, Sue Thomas, Sandra Sellars, Jim Sellars, Jenny Gosden, Bev Tucker, Kareen Williams and Maureen Jackson.

**ADVISORS:** Fay Powell (Grounds Manager) and Zoe Scott (Community and Grounds Officer).

1.	<p><b>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes</b> Apologies were received from Councillor Willis and the Town Clerk.</p>
2.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were none received.</p>
3.	<p><b>To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b></p> <p><b>PROPOSED:</b> Councillor Dave Dash <b>SECONDED:</b> Philip Dinham</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>
4.	<p><b>Monthly Finance Report</b></p> <p>The remaining balance after committed expenditure was £498.84.</p> <p><i>Kareen Williams entered at 11.38am</i></p>
5.	<p><b>Planting</b></p> <p>Due to heavy rain the pansies in the Donkey and Cart Trough had died. They were replaced with some heathers. Sandra Sellars agreed the weather conditions had been tough.</p> <p>Free Plants were available from North Somerset Council again. A maximum of 900 plants per group could be requested.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED:</b> Weston in Bloom apply for the maximum number of plants available – a mixture of 900 plants.</p> <p>The chairman highlighted the boat at the Railway Station which needed attention. Jim and Sandra who looked after the feature agreed. It was though perhaps a bench of some kind with a sea side theme would look nice in that location, providing the correct permission was given from the Railway Station.</p>

	<p>It was thought a local business may sponsor the feature.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED:</b> The Grounds Manager along with the Community and Grounds Officer, Jim and Sandra to have a meeting with Somerset Wood Recycling to gather some proposals and costing for a new feature at the Railway Station.</p> <p>The Chairman raised the fact he had approached the College about a raised bed in Spider Lane which needed attention. It was 4 x 5mtrs in size. It was still unknown how much the College could or indeed would contribute to the initial and ongoing costs of the project. Members felt it was a worthwhile project.</p> <p>Discussion ensued and the Community and Grounds Officer advised a clear agreement and understanding of how this partnership working would run needs to be clarified before any decision were made.</p> <p>It was felt WIB needed to consider the project as a way of supporting the town, its reputation and the community aspect this project offers.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED:</b> A meeting be arranged with the College and the Community and Grounds Officer be in attendance.</p> <p>The ponds at the old entrance to the Winter Gardens were also discussed however it was felt this was too much of a task.</p>
6.	<p><b>Britain in Bloom Entry 2020</b></p> <p>The Spring Seminar was taking place on the Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March in Seaton. Tickets were £20 each should volunteers wish to go. The tickets would be paid for from the WIB budget. It was an interesting programme of talks.</p> <p>Sue, Rod, Jim and Sandra would like to attend.</p> <p>The Community and Grounds Officer would email the volunteers to confirm numbers.</p> <p>It was asked that re-wilding be included on the next Agenda.</p> <p>Discussion ensued as to whether the Town Council could grow its own plants. This was deemed too expensive at this point in time.</p>

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 12.17 pm

Signed:..... Dated: .....

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**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL  
NOTES OF THE ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT  
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT GROVE HOUSE ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

**Meeting Commenced:** 7.00 pm**Meeting Concluded:** 7.33 pm**PRESENT:** Councillors Dave Dash (Chairman), Roger Bailey (Vice Chairman) and Gill Bute.

Non-Voting co-opted members: George Raines, (Chairman of the Allotment Club), Clive Wall (Rectors Way), Mike Phillips (Kewstoke) and Kevin Pearce.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Zoe Scott (Community and Grounds Officer).

<b>299</b>	<b>Apologies for absence and notification of substitutes</b>  Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gillian Carpenter, Fay Powell (Grounds Manager), Frank Gould and Jenny Nichols.
<b>300</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>  There were no declarations of interest received.
<b>301</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>  The minutes of the meeting held on the 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 had been previously circulated with the agenda.  <u><b>Action:</b></u> Mike Tansley needed to be removed from the list as he was no longer a site representative.  <b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Dave Dash <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Roger Bailey  <b>RESOLVED:</b> That with the above amendments the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.
<b>302</b>	<b>Actions from the previous meeting</b>  To be discussed under individual site updates.

303	<p><b>To receive verbal reports from allotment site representatives</b></p> <p><b>Rectors Way:</b> All plots let. The track needed attention which the allotment club was dealing with. There was an issue with fences coming down. The Rhyme would also need dredging in September/October.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> The Town Council to send letters to residents whose fences were deteriorating.</p> <p><b>Redpits:</b> No sign of the entry badgers were using. It was suggested that they were using a path leading from the woods. The Allotment Club had noticed that the fence panels as you entered off Church Road were broken. The panels -slotted into concrete posts and just needed new fence panels slotted in place.</p> <p>The current entrance to Redpits allotment site was not suitable for the type of vehicles needing access. The Allotment club wanted to install a new entrance coming off of Priest Way. There was already a road leading to it and it would require the removal of a fence panel and installation of a gate. The Allotment club would be willing to carry out a feasibility study and obtain a quote. They had a map identifying the location.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Town Council make arrangements to visit Church Road entrance and assess damage to fence panels.</li> <li>2. That the Town Clerk review the proposed new entrance for Redpits.</li> </ol> <p><b>Kewstoke:</b> The gate was still an issue and needed fixing. 3 years ago a tree survey took place and one of the trees identified, eventually needed to be felled had come down. The wood had been chopped up but needed removing. There was also a rotten fence panel which needed replacing.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> That the Grounds team visit Kewstoke Allotments and see if the wood could be removed as well as deal with the fence and overgrown tree.</p> <p><b>Hutton Moor:</b> There were still some plots to let. The badgers were being watched to see if any disturbance was caused. Councillor Roger Bailey made the sub-committee aware of the Signal Cable being installed on the pylons and that the Council would be receiving funding from this. The Allotment Club asked if they would be receiving any of this funding.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> That the Community and Grounds Officer investigate the use of the funding being received from the signal cable.</p> <p><b>Bournville:</b> Nothing to report.</p>
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	<b>Old Mill Way:</b> Baytree School had not yet used the plot allocated to them.																									
<b>304</b>	<b>To receive and consider details of the current Allotment Waiting List</b>  Details of the current waiting lists were circulated at the meeting.																									
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	<i>This summary will automatically update when changes are made in the Waiting List sheet and 2nd</i>																									
	There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.33pm.  Draft Minutes would be sent out within 2 weeks of the meeting.  The date of the next meeting was agreed for 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2020, 7.00pm at Grove House.																									

Signed.....  
Chairman

Dated.....