

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2009

PRESENT: Cllr M Brandon (Chairman)
Cllrs D Anderson, J North, J Parkes, C Price and T Robbins.
Messrs T Whitman and J Woods.
Mrs B Beauchamp, L Bishop, J Jones, E Thorne, R Sweales

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk's Assistant

09/034W APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies from Cllrs C Borastero and N Kennedy and Mrs S Hanks were noted.

09/035W MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 8th July 2009 were noted.

09/036W REPORT BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Cllr Brandon observed that in spite of the inclement summer weather there had been a lovely show of flowers throughout Wells which still continued. The Chairman reported that disappointingly Wells had achieved Silver in this year's SWIB. Cllr Brandon told the committee that the criteria had now changed considerably and asked if the committee would consider the possibility of not entering the competition next year, and review the situation again in 2011.

09/037W FINANCE REPORT
The Chairman reported that in spite of an outstanding invoice from the nursery at Bristol funds were in credit and she would give a more detailed report at the next meeting.

09/038W SCHOOLS LIAISON
Mrs Jones reported that there had been a very disappointing turnout for the children's painting competition displayed in the Town Hall with only 20 people attending in the two days. Possibly poor advertising and the summer holidays may have contribute to this. The Chairman asked the committee to consider the possibility of combining the judging with the exhibition of the paintings in the Town Hall which would be during the school term time.

09/039W GARDEN ENTRIES
Invitations had been sent to all winners and judges of the competition had been included.

09/040W PRESENTATION EVENING – 5th OCTOBER
The Chairman asked for volunteers to help with hosting the evening. The question of allowing children to receive their prizes first was raised and Mrs Brandon told the committee that for publicity purposes the prize order should remain the same as in previous years.

09/041W REMOVAL OF SUMMER PLANTS AND AUTUMN PLANTING

The Baskets from Cathedral Green and the School Pole in the Market Place had been removed. The Chairman asked for volunteers to help remove the baskets from the High Street on Sunday 4th October and from the Market Place during the week following the Presentation Evening. Autumn Planting will take place on Sunday 22nd November.

09/042W PAINTING TEAM FOR HALF ROUNDS

Volunteers were asked to help with the painting of the half rounds.

09/043W ALLOTMENTS SUB COMMITTEE

Arrangements would be made for a visit by the Allotments Sub Committee in November when they would specifically inspect the plots which had latterly caused concern. Various detailed matters were raised relating to the boundary fencing in Burcott Road and Ash trees on a site in the Bishop's Palace. Cllr Brandon informed the committee that both matters were in hand. Cllrs D Anderson and J Parkes declared a prejudicial interest.

09/044W ITEMS OF URGENT REPORT

Cllr Brandon informed the committee of a letter received from SCC regarding a possible fee for inspecting hanging baskets from lampposts and the implementation of a license. Cllr Osman was looking into the matter and had offered to help pay for the inspection from County funding should the need arise. Cllr Brandon suggested an alternative means of floral display which would not incur the added expense. This would be discussed at the next meeting should the need arise.