#### WELLS CITY COUNCIL

# MINUTES OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, AT 6.00pm. THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015

PRESENT: Councillors: M Brandon (Chairman); C Briton (The Mayor); A Gibson

(Vice-Chairman); J Parkes; C Price; G Wilson (Deputy Mayor).

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White: RFO S Luck.

Mrs J Jones; Mr R Hole; Mrs L Bishop; Mrs S Hanks

1 member of the public

15/01W APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: T Robbins; D Unwin.

Mrs B Beauchamp

15/02W DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None declared.

15/03W MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

were proposed, seconded, approved and signed

15/04W MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC None wishing to speak

15/05W FINANCE REPORT

i. To receive the financial report -

The RFO presented the end of year financial report

ii. To approve payments -

The following payments were proposed, seconded and approved:

£959 for pyramids etc The remainder of this year's budget (approx. £100), to be spent on fertilizer

It was proposed, seconded and agreed, that payment in the order of £4,500 would be made for summer plants.

iii. Sponsorship (Cllr Gibson) -

All payments have been received for the current year.

Some new family sponsors have been identified for poles, pots and pyramids.

There is a waiting list of those wishing to sponsor larger areas.

#### 15/06W SUMMER PLANTING

The Chairman reported the arrangements for the summer planting. The new baskets should hold the moisture better, so need less frequent watering.

The Open Spaces team will replace the damaged tubs in the High Street with those held in store.

Compost is ordered, ready for collection.

Mrs Hanks will organize the dead-heading rota for this summer.

Well in Bloom met with the Old Deanery Garden team for a presentation and exchange of information on 16<sup>th</sup> March, a most interesting and useful session. Wells in Bloom members are invited to a private viewing of The Old Deanery Garden in June.

7am Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May: plant delivery – Open Spaces staff & WiBvolunteers 8.30am <u>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</u>: <u>The Big Plant-Out</u> – all volunteers

### 15/07W SCHOOLS

- Mrs Jones will be visiting all the schools immediately after the Easter holidays. There was a discussion of how to encourage more pre-schools to take part.

## 15/08W COMPETITIONS

- Mrs Bishop reported some new ideas to be discussed at the volunteers meeting next week.

## 15/09W ANY OTHER MATTERS

Removal of the winter plants:

A date will be arranged; it was agreed to donate the plants to care homes or anyone else who could make good use of them.

There was discussion of possible participation in the garden festival at the Bishops Palace in June.

**15/10W DATE OF NEXT MEETING**: to be arranged