

Minutes of the Meeting of the S & T Parish Council Environment Committee (aka Green Finger Gang) held on Friday, 1 March 2019 at 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

1. Welcome: Councillor David Coupe (Chair) welcomed those present at the meeting: M. Holmes, E. Revett, R. Dennison, C. White, V. Beadnall, L. Brear, A. Liddle. J.Holmes (Sec.)

2. Apologies for Absence: B. Chapman, A. Cooper, P. McInnes.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25.9.18. were agreed by those present and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (not dealt with elsewhere)

a. Planters. – One of the new planters had been installed at Thornton T Junction and was well stocked with flowers. The other new planter, currently stored, is to be sited near the entrance to Rose Cottage development. **DC** to speak to Taylor Wimpey to identify site and get permission to install.

b. Geraniums – **MH** reported that geraniums from the village beds and tubs had been lifted last September and are currently stored in a polytunnel in Stewart Park and will be ready for summer planting when required.

c. Teardrop Bed – Daffodil bulbs had been lifted from the Teardrop Bed on Hemlington Road last autumn and had been distributed to local residents for spring planting. **MH** reported the bed had been planted up with a variety of plants and grasses, however the centrepiece grass had been removed by persons unknown. As this was the second theft from the site the matter was reported to the police. Carol White agreed to look after and tend the Teardrop Bed.

d. Winter/Spring Planting – The grant from the Community Council had been used to buy plants for the village beds and tubs which were planted up by GFG members.

e. W.I. Rosebed – To note that Audrey and Tony Jackson were currently maintaining the WI Rosebed in High Rifts.

5. Summer Planting - It was agreed that there would be a common colour scheme again (red, white and blue) for all the tubs and troughs in the villages this year. Heather Heaviside would be asked to source summer plants in first instance. **MH** to speak to Heather.

6. Financial Report at 1.3.19.

Income	£
Parish Council Budget Allowance 2018/19	750.00
Donation from Gala Day group (Plant Stall)	79.00
Grant from Community Council 11.9.18.	<u>250.00</u>
	1079.00
Expenditure	
5.6.18. H. Heaviside. Plants & compost for Meldyke Lane	56.00
5.6.18. Pallet Earth (2 planters)	120.00
6.6.18. Rainbow Plant Centre – Plants & compost	590.00
28.6.18. Hall Hire for meetings	16.00
14.7.18. A. Liddle – Compost & soil improver.	37.00
21.9.18. Hall Hire for meetings	32.00
12.10.18. Plants (L. Brear)	49.88
31.10.18. Plants (H. Heaviside)	50.00
11.11.18. Plants (M. Holmes)	91.94
1.3.19. Hall Hire for meeting.	<u>16.00</u>
	1058.82

Secretary reported that the Parish Council for the year 2019/2020 had allocated the sum of £1000.00 to the Environment Committee. This would be available from April.

7. Any Other Business

- a). **ER** stated the bed at Thornton T junction required weeding. **DC** to arrange.
- b). **MH** currently updating list of helpers and will circulate when complete.
- c). **VB** suggested more daffodil planting on centre island in Meldyke Lane.
- d). **DC** reported that Taylor Wimpey are responsible for cutting hedge on Strait Lane but were looking for a cheaper quote to carry out this work. **AL** to suggest suitable name.
- e). Secretary gave details of the Great British Spring Clean which would be running from 22 March – 23 April. This would be discussed at the Parish Assembly of 12 March and it was suggested that Thursday 11 April would be suitable date for a village clean up with efforts being made to get residents involved.
- f). **AL** reported that 106 monies were due to be paid to the Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces (FSTGS) group for environmental projects in the villages and suggested that the diseased trees, recently cut down by MBC, in the Fawcett Avenue area could be replaced with new young trees. It was agreed in principle to support this proposal and the group were tasked to suggest suitable replacement species. All suggestions to **AL** for the information of the FSTGS group.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 2 April. 6.30pm in Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 8pm.