

Minutes of the Meeting of the S & T Parish Council Environment Committee (aka Green Finger Gang) held on Friday, 20 September 2019 at 6.3pm in the Memorial Hall.

1. Welcome: Councillor David Coupe (Chair) welcomed those present at the meeting: Cllr. Angela Cooper, Lynne Brear, Pauline McInnes, Cllr. Ron Dennison, Maureen Holmes, Carole White, Betsy Whitley and J. Holmes (Secretary).

2. Apologies for Absence: Alan Liddle, Elizabeth Revett.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 June 2019 were agreed by those present and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (not dealt with elsewhere) - None

5. Planting

Summer planting – Discussion about lifting of summer plants. **MH** reported that a lot of the geraniums were not good enough to lift and house over winter. **RD** thought that 2nd year geraniums were not usually good for saving. It was agreed that whatever could be saved would be lifted at the end of the month and stored, if necessary, in the polytunnel at Stewart Park. LB and PM would do Thornton planters. MH, CW and RD would do Stainton planters.

Winter planting – After discussion it was agreed that those residents who looked after planters and troughs etc would be informed that could do their own winter planting if they wished and reclaim any expenditure – proof of purchase required.

6. Planters/Tubs

Alan Liddle had informed the Committee that the Friends Group would be willing to purchase new planters for the village but only on the proviso that there would be residents willing to look after them. After discussion it was agreed that, whilst grateful for the offer of new planters, there would be a need to identify residents who would be willing to assist in helping.

7. Financial Report

Secretary reported that expenditure this financial year had been minimal thanks to over wintering of saved plants and selective purchasing of new plants. £194 on summer plants and compost. £40 on Hall Hire for meetings. Total: £234.00

8. Any Other Business

BW suggested that consideration should be given for the purchase of gardening equipment for use by those who look after the planters, troughs and flower beds.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 3 March 2020, 6.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton (to be confirmed)

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 7.30pm