

Minutes of the Meeting of the S & T Parish Council Environment Committee (aka Green Finger Gang) held on Tuesday 15 February at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

1. Welcome: Councillor David Coupe (Chair) welcomed those present at the meeting: Cllr. Angela Cooper, Cllr. A. Liddle, Cllr. R. Dennison, Maureen Holmes, Carole White, Lynne Brear, Clare Wren, Vince and Karen Robinson, Brian Weightman and J. Holmes (Secretary).

2. Apologies for Absence: Brian Chapman, Josie McCabe, Pauline McInnes, Elizabeth Revett.

3. Village Pump relocation – Pump currently stored in **BW** garage. **MH** provided details of stone trough to be purchased from Whitegates, cost about £100 plus £10 delivery charge to Thornton. Purchase approved and delivery to **BW** property to be arranged. Following delivery, arrangements to be made to site pump and trough at the T junction (near the old rosebed) using a fork-lift with local farmer, Peter Chapman.

4. Half Barrel planter – currently on Seamer Road near Cedar Drive to be moved to the T junction where telephone kiosk was previously sited.

5. Spring Planting – It was agreed that the people who normally tendered the planters, troughs and flowerbeds were to be encouraged to purchase and plant spring flowers themselves and the cost would be reimbursed on production of receipts. **AC** to mention in next month's Village Newsletter.

6. Garden Event – It was agreed that a form of Gardeners Question Time event would be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 26 March at the end of the Coffee Morning. **DC** to confirm that Janet Summer (ex-Cherry Hill) would host the event. **AC** and **JH** would publicise the event in the Village Newsletter, Community Council meeting and What's On email.

7. SUDS pond, Rose Cottage 3 – **AL** explained that the green spaces, including the SUDS pond, on Rose Cottage were maintained by a private management company appointed by the developers Taylor Wimpey. Some members thought that the protection of the pond by hedges and bushes were insufficient and a physical barrier around the pond was required. To be progressed.

8. Finance – **JH** reported there was sufficient funds available to cover the cost of spring planting and the purchase of the stone trough. Residents should submit receipts for reimbursement before the end of the current financial year, 31 March.

9. Any Other Business – None

10. Date of Next Meeting – To be arranged.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 8pm.