

BREASTON IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING 3.10.17

APOLOGIES	All new committee attended.	
ELECTION OF OFFICERS	Chair- Helen Elcock Secretary - Julie Rowlinson Treasurer - Anita Haylett	
WINTER PLANTING & CLEARING UPDATE	<p>Centenary garden - crown needs moving &amp; storing. Karl has offered his trailer &amp; Katy storage. Needs plants removing. Plan is to plant with tulip bulbs and bellis daisies. New Xmas tree to be purchased as other perished.</p> <p>Jubilee garden - stacking planter top tiers have been removed and stored at Julie's.</p> <p>Compost in bottom tier removed and new better compost put in, along with some wick matting.</p> <p>To be planted with cordyline, cyclamen, polyanthus and viola.</p> <p>Dan at F C Laser has offered to pay for winter planting of up to £100 for the troughs around the sign.</p> <p>Cordyline to remain in, there will be some violas left, other plants to be obtained as necessary.</p> <p>Welcome signs - tubs to be replanted for winter.</p> <p>Work parties planned for 15th &amp; 22nd to tackle winter planting.</p>	<p>Katy Karl</p> <p>Julie</p> <p>All -Work parties</p>
FEEDBACK FROM JUDGES	<p>Overall the feedback was very positive but there are some things we can work at and some that may prove impossible. Anything we can't do we will try to highlight the constraints at next judging.</p> <p><b>A) Horticultural</b></p> <p>Comments included using permanent planting, not always adding small tubs etc.</p> <p>Suggestion to link Welcome signs to oval beds - this is not possible at both ends due to concrete base.</p> <p>However we will try to make more bold, perhaps with troughs fixed onto sign supports.</p> <p>Hanging basket competition - a good idea, or maybe best street. If we take on the idea of Plant pot trail it could be for plant pot item instead.</p> <p>We could use long troughs at Goldenbrook railings.</p> <p><b>B Environmental</b></p> <p>We need to increase our marks here - including wildlife areas and natural habitats.</p> <p>Recycling, local heritage, general cleanliness of the area, street furniture etc. are areas to consider.</p> <p>Bat boxes in cemetery - ask Parish council</p> <p><b>C) Community Participation</b></p> <p>We discussed making community gardens as there is no land for allotments. Perhaps on islands at end of streets. Use raised planters?</p> <p>EMH flats and Cherry &amp; Orchard close are possible</p>	<p>Julie</p>

	<p>areas. We need to check the permissions. Idea to use large builders sacks to plant in.</p> <p>Lanes garden centre to be approached about sharing space. For growing.</p> <p>Dave to be asked if he can clarify how we can match the route more to criteria.</p> <p>Local businesses and the school have not all got on board. This is one area we have to work on.</p> <p>Contact Sharon &amp; Marie , school parents to see if they can help again. To be invited to our next meeting.</p> <p>Possibly go through school governors?</p> <p>Playgroup - possible to involve them more?</p> <p>Further work with Youth cafe who were very supportive.</p> <p>Label our efforts with small signs to make community more aware.</p>	<p>Emma</p> <p>Volunteer needed</p> <p>Julie</p> <p>Julie</p> <p>Julie</p>
PLANNING FOR 2018	<p>Many ideas had already been listed.</p> <p>We confirmed no theme or colour scheme though we will have End of WW1 as a theme for Centenary and Jubilee gardens, involving soldiers and planes!</p> <p>Carpet bed - shelved this year - try to find a spot for 2019.</p> <p>Duffield - butterfly garden - possible to plan a new area in a sunnier spot. To ask PC for permission.</p> <p>Sensory garden - needs more work. Perdita Harvey who does the work now to be asked if we can help. To invite along.</p> <p>Edging - ongoing but not a priority at the moment.</p> <p>Hostas, hellebores &amp; ferns for Jubilee border, then barked. Ask for donations on Facebook.</p> <p>Dave Coupe to be asked about bark.</p> <p>The Rectory - to discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>Any residents who wish to replant corner tubs to be encouraged.</p>	<p>Julie</p> <p>Julie/Helen</p> <p>Edge!</p> <p>All Facebook appeal - Jill</p> <p>Julie</p>
FINANCE	<p>Anita will be responsible for keeping track of our income &amp; expenses but not involved in paying or banking - this will remain with Jean from BCF. Julie to mention to Jean.</p> <p>Anita will collect the money from donation boxes from now on. Co-op to be made aware of this via Julie.</p> <p>Anita will contact previous sponsors to see if they will continue for next year, Julie has details.</p>	<p>Anita/Julie</p> <p>Anita/Julie</p>

	<p>Hanging baskets sponsored by a few of our members proved to be more expensive than expected. To fulfil our contract then revisit.</p> <p>We discussed the role of the BCF with regard to financing Bloom. Last year, as a start up, BCF funded anything we couldn't raise ourselves. This year we will ask for set amount of 50% from BCF fund raising events and for one of the quizzes to be solely for BiB. Any other ideas from either group will be income for the group that arranged it e.g. Plant pot trail is BiB initiative and we will organise so we will receive any income from it.</p> <p>Crowd funding - asking all residents to donate a small amount towards our entry through a Just giving type page. Emma to investigate further.</p> <p>ASDA &amp; Tesco - these offer funding to community groups. Julie &amp; Sally to apply.</p> <p>Erewash councillors have up to £500 each to spend. We will need a specific item to ask for money then we can apply.</p> <p>Bigger grants can be obtained for large projects such as Community garden but will need details. Dave has colleague who might help with applications.</p> <p>Everyone to be asked to think of specific projects we can apply for the money for.</p>	<p>Julie</p> <p>Emma</p> <p>Julie/Sally</p> <p>All</p>
PLANT POT TRAIL	<p>This could be a big event and raise our profile and also bring in money. Similar to Draycott's scarecrow trail. We agreed to hold it, possibly late May bank holiday. To be discussed further at next meeting. Ideas needed.</p>	All
AOB	<p>Julie asked that now we have committee meetings could we set up extra sessions at the pub for the Bloomers to get together and socialise and share ideas in an informal way so we do not lose the closeness of the group. Agreed to gather on some Sunday nights.</p> <p>First date 26th October.</p> <p>Helen asked if Jill was still happy to run our Facebook page. Emma to check.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Emma</p>
DIARY DATES	<p>Work parties 15th &amp; 22nd October.</p> <p>Committee 19.10.17 at Chequers 7pm.</p> <p>Social night 26.10.17 at Chequers 7pm</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Committee</p> <p>All</p>