

**Present:** Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin  
Councillor G Dodds  
Councillor A Follett  
Mayor, Councillor Mrs J Wood  
Mrs G Follett  
Mrs R Reed  
Mrs M Taylor  
Mr K Bishop (in attendance)

**Also Present:** Miss J Smith - Minute Taker / Committee Administrator

1. **TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE HENLEY IN BLOOM / CIVIC PRIDE  
SUB COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING LOCAL GOVERNMENT YEAR**

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin called for nominations for the election of Chairman.

Councillor Mrs G Dodds nominated and Mrs G Follett seconded that Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin be elected Chairman of the Henley in Bloom/Civic Pride Sub Committee for the year 2010/2011.

There being no further nominations it was **RESOLVED**

that Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin be elected Chairman of the Henley in Bloom/Civic Pride Sub Committee for the year 2010/11.

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin took the chair.

2. **TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE HENLEY IN BLOOM / CIVIC  
PRIDE SUB COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
YEAR**

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin called for nominations for the election of Vice Chairman.

Mrs G Follett nominated and Mayor, Mrs J Wood seconded that Councillor A Follett be elected Vice Chairman of the Henley in Bloom/Civic Pride Sub Committee for the year 2010/2011.

There being no further nominations it was **RESOLVED**

that Councillor A Follett be elected Vice Chairman of the Henley in Bloom/Civic Pride Sub Committee for the year 2010/11.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Councillor Mrs R Myer, Mrs T Palmer, Mr A Hawkins, Mr S Khan and Mrs C Langler.

4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Mayor, Councillor Mrs J Wood item 7 – Battle of Britain– prejudicial interest – treasurer for ATC.

5. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Henley in Bloom / Civic Pride Meeting held on 26 May 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman, Mayor, Councillor Mrs Hodgkin as a true record.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

7. **PROGRESS**

A Progress Report was noted and tabled at the meeting.

*Station Park Sculpture – Minutes: 490, 508, 520, 539, 564, 576*

Mr S Khan was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting but had sent an email that he would hopefully be able to give an update within the next couple of weeks regarding funding for the sculpture. Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin suggested that discussions regarding this area should be an agenda item for the next meeting. The Mayor, Councillor Mrs J Wood suggested that perhaps local sculptures should be approached to see if they wanted to use the area to display in the interim.

*Battle of Britain flowerbeds – Minutes: 527, 539, 576, 589*

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin reported that these beds were planted and looking great. Mr Reed confirmed that Mrs J Sutton had pruned back the roses which meant the raised beds could now be viewed from the river. The information board would be put up week commencing 5 July in time for the judging. Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin advised that a Battle of Britain Day Service was being planned to be held at Mill Meadows (next to the flowerbeds) in September and permissions were being sought to hold the service. The Mayor, Mrs J Wood confirmed that as ATC were a charity and would therefore not be able to contribute towards the cost of the information board for the flowerbeds.

*YMCA Project Phase 2 – Minutes: 546, 564, 576, 589*

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin advised that the judges would be visiting the YMCA to see the progress of the proposed three phased community project. Phase 2 was due to be completed in the autumn.

8. **BUDGET UPDATE**

An update of the Henley-in-Bloom budget as at 23 June 2010 was received at the meeting. It was also noted that to date 71 summer and 17 winter hanging baskets had been sold to date.

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin tabled a breakdown of expenditure that the Henley Flower Club had incurred during the Henley Festival of Flowers week for the flower arranging demonstrations and asked for approval to reimburse the Club with £382.80.

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Henley Flower Club expenditure is approved and they are reimbursed with £382.80 to cover their costs during the Henley Festival of Flowers week.

*Action: Committee Administrator to raise a cheque.*

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin asked that the proposed dates of the 6 or 13 June 2011 be changed to the week commencing 16 May 2011, as it was felt that a June date was too late and would clash with various other events taking place. She advised that she would confirm this date with Mrs Jane Rowton-Lee of Henley Flower Club.

9. **THAMES AND CHILTERN JUDGING – 8 JULY 2010**

- (i) Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin verbally advised members of the proposed judges tour route for the 8 July 2010. She confirmed that the Red Lion Hotel had kindly offered to host the lunch and proposed that in return two hanging baskets would be donated as a thank you.

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND**

that two hanging baskets are donated as a thank you to the Red Lion for hosting the judges lunch on the 8 July.

- (ii) Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin advised both the portfolio and DVD were progressing and were looking great.

**10. FRONT AND BACK GARDENS COMPETITION – 5 and 10 JULY 2010**

Unfortunately, Mrs C Langler was not able to attend the meeting at short notice, therefore, a verbal update of the entrants and details for the competition were not given. Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin advised that she would make contact with Mrs Langler after the meeting and liaise regarding the judging.

*Post meeting note: 21 entrants to be judged including the community gardens. All judges have been given details, maps and judging forms.*

**11. GARDENING BUDDIES**

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin advised that it had been a busy time for the Gardening Buddies and that there would a session on Saturday, 3 July at 09:30am to help tidy up certain areas before judging day. Mr R Reed suggested that perhaps sticks/flags should be put in the beds after Gardening Buddies have weeded and planted to show that they had been at work. Councillor E Hodgkin thought this was a good idea and would look into finding something suitable.

**12. SPONSORSHIP**

An updated list of 2010/11 Sponsors and potential sponsors were noted.

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin confirmed that Tomalin and Son jointly with E T Sheppard would be sponsoring a wooden barrel planter outside their premises by the bench at a cost of £100 per annum. She also advised that sponsorship monies of £300 had also been kindly received from Southern Plant Hire.

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin commented on how wonderful the floral displays on Waitrose balcony were looking and asked that a letter be sent praising their efforts.

*Action: Committee Administrator to write to Waitrose.*

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin suggested that Sainsbury and the Catherine Wheel should be approached again seeking sponsorship.

*Action: Committee Administrator to write to Sainsbury and the Catherine Wheel.*

**13. 20010/11 EVENTS**

*Pubs and Restaurant Competition:* date confirmed as the 15 July 2010 at 11:00am. The landlords from The Anchor and the Saracens Head (past winners) did not want to judge this year, but enter again. Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin agreed to be an additional judge.

It was agreed that the awards presentation evening should be after the Thames and Chilterns Judging presentation (30 September), and the date for these presentations was agreed for **Thursday, 7 October at 7:00pm**, a venue is still to be confirmed.

Mayor, Councillor Mrs J Wood took the opportunity to thank Mr K Bishop and the Parks Services team for all their hard work.

14. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The following date and time was proposed for the next meeting:  
Henley in Bloom/Civic Pride Sub Committee – **Thursday, 16 September 2010 at 09:30am**  
in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 10:40am

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Chairman