

Present: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin
Councillor Miss K L Gehrman
Councillor D M Silvester
Councillor Mrs J Wood
A J Follett
Mrs G Follett
Mr A Hawkins
Mrs C Langer
Mrs R Reed
Mrs M Taylor
Mr M Jex
Mr K Bishop, Park Services (in attendance)
Mr A Bell, Parks Services (in attendance)

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs P A Phillips called for nominations for the election of Chairman. The Mayor, Councillor Mrs P A Phillips proposed and Councillor Miss K Gehrman seconded that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin be elected Chairman for the year 2011 - 2012.

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

that Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin be elected Chairman of the Henley in Bloom/Civic Pride Sub Committee for the municipal year 2011 – 2012.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin called for nominations for the election of Vice- Chairman. The Mayor, Councillor Mrs P A Phillips proposed and seconded by the Deputy Mayor that Councillor Miss K Gehrman be elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2011 - 2012.

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

that Councillor Miss K Gehrman be elected Vice-Chairman of the Henley in Bloom/Civic Pride Sub Committee for the municipal year 2011 – 2012.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Mr S Khan.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Henley in Bloom / Civic Pride Meeting held on 14 April 2011 and Notes of the Meetings held on the 12 May and 16 June 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman as true records.

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, 576, 7, 19, 35, 43

There was no further updates from Mr Khan, therefore, it was agreed to remove this item from the progress report. It was confirmed the reseeding of the grass had taken and the area looked much improved. Sponsorship signs were now in place and a photo opportunity was agreed to take place w/c 11 July with the Henley Standard.

Action: Committee Administrator to liaise and confirm mutually convenient time with Mr R Reed and Deputy Mayor.

YMCA Project Phase 2 – Minutes: 546, 564, 576, 589, 7, 19, 35, 54

The Chairman advised that she had spoken with the YMCA and the Gardening Buddies were not needed for further work at the present time. It was agreed to remove this item from the progress report.

Royal Wedding Commemorative Flowerbeds, Mill Meadows – Minutes 37, 43, 54

Members were advised that the Impatiens in one of the beds were dying and could be diseased. It was decided to seek advice from Mr Martyn Sheldrake at Toad Hall and to make a decision as to whether the beds should be replanted prior to next week's Thames and Chiltern judging.

Post meeting note: It was confirmed that the Impatiens were diseased and thanks to Gardening Buddies, Parks Services and volunteers the bed has now been replanted.

Thames and Chiltern Regional Competition- Minute 48, 54

Members were informed that the Awards Presentation for the Regional event would be held on 21 September 2011 at 14:00 at the Broadway Baptist Church, 78 The Broadway, Chesham, HP5 1EG.

Action: Members who are interested in attending the Awards presentation to email the Committee Administrator.

The judges tour and lunch was discussed under item 11.

8. **BUDGET UPDATE**

The Committee received and noted the budget report as at the 29 June 2011.

9. **GARDENING BUDDIES**

The Chairman advised that Gardening Buddies would be liaising closely with Park Services on areas to be addressed for future meets.

10. **SPONSORSHIP**

Members noted the updated sponsorship list. They were advised that a response was still awaited from Hofmanns on whether they would be sponsoring a flowerbed. Councillor Mrs J Wood advised that she had spoken with Portman Health Care, a dentist practice on the Reading Road who was interested in sponsoring and a formal request should be sent.

Action: Committee Administrator to send email to Portman Health Care.

Councillor Mrs J Wood advised that the manager at HiQ Tyres had also been approached to see if they would be planting up the tyres again this year. Mr Reid had asked if some of the plants would be again be provided by the sub committee but members felt that

these should be purchased by the business. Councillor Mrs J Wood agreed to contact the HiQ again to see if they could be persuaded.

11. **20011/12 EVENTS**

Thames and Chiltern Regional Judging – 14.7.11

The Chairman gave an update on the route and arrangements for the day and a copy of the route was tabled. It was confirmed the Day Centre had agreed to host coffee and cake for judges at the start of the tour. Mr A Hawkins agreed to be at Watermans Allotment when the judges visited.

Mr Doug Richards (Allotment Association) had kindly agreed to do the catering for lunch at the Christchurch Centre with all produce from the Watermans Allotments and herbs from Trinity School's vegetable garden. Mr Richards had agreed only to charge the sub committee for the items that he could not source from the allotment. Mrs M Taylor agreed to speak with a contact of hers regarding providing flowers for the tables at the lunch.

It was confirmed that Mrs D Werrmann and four pupils from Trinity School would also be attending the lunch.

Mrs M Taylor confirmed that the completed Henley in Bloom portfolio would be going to the Higgs Group for printing by 13.7.11 (20 copies).

Front and Back Gardens Competition Judging

Mrs C Langler tabled the list of entrants. It was agreed that all the judges should discuss and coordinate the judging route, timings etc on the 16 and 18 July. Mr M Jex agreed to be on the judging panel. A judges' decision meeting was reconfirmed for 21 July 2011 from 14:00-16:00 in the Committee Room, Town Hall.

Pubs and Restaurants Judging

It was confirmed that the judging would be held on the 21 July 2011 between 10:00-14:00. The Mayor agreed to be part of the judging panel.

Pride in Your Place Competition

Mr R Reed confirmed that further promotion of the competition would be in the next issue of the Henley Standard following the entry of Park Road into the competition. Councillor D Silvester agreed to do some more promotion in the north ward. Judging to take place in September.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The following date and time was proposed for the next meeting: **Thursday, 29 September 2011 at 10.00am** in the Committee Room of the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 11.15am.

js

Chairman