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Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 at 8 The Strand, Walmer, Deal at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs S Le Chevalier (Chairing), Cllr Mr D Thompson,

Officer present: R Aldred, R Styles

Also Present: Mr V Recas, R Oram

**1492. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr A Herring for family reasons.

**1493. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

**1494. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting, held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2021, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Proposed by: Cllr Thompson.

Seconded by: Mr Recas.

**AGREED**

**1495. HAWKSHILL**

**Verbal Report from Cllr DT**

Work has been centred on diseased windswept ash trees, along with the normal tasks at Hawkshill

Cuttings have been used for woodpiles

An inventory of tool and equipment completed

Park bench owners were informed by letter on the condition of the benches and two have been updated

Eastern side area has been cut again – RA to E-mail Rhino to get the date they are planning on cutting for Sept 2022, we will organise for someone to meet them when doing the cutting and can then give the operator exact instructions on what is not to be cut.

As part of the management plan, some additional hedges need to be planted around the car park/path area. Hawkshill volunteers will be asked to measure the area required, look at existing plants in area and to produce a plan of what is required to be bought.

Dog waste bags – DDC were contacted, and they advised WTC, that they have a contract with a company to provide the stations and therefore were unable to add any additional stations at this time. The contract was being reviewed in June, and WTC could ask to be added to the list of additional sites being reviewed. Alternatively, DDC also provided a contact within EcoGreen, the company which has a contract with DDC. A price for a dog poo bag dispenser was obtained at £280+VAT for 1<sup>st</sup> station and £150+VAT for any additional stations with a price of £65+VAT for 2500 bags. It was resolved that the Hawkshill volunteers would speak to the public at Hawkshill and report back the numbers of people who would like to see a dog bag dispenser at the Hawkshill site.

Recycling bins DDC were contacted to see if they could provide a recycling bin like the ones on deal seafront DDC advised this part of a project which had finished therefore more were unlikely and cost of a bin was £2500 in a bulk buy.

An e-mail was received from Walmer Castle stating that cutting from trees on the boundary between the two sites has been thrown into their garden. Cllr D Thompson stated this work had been done by the volunteers. The committee then resolved that for the time being, no further work should be done on that boundary and that any future work proposed, the Clerk and /or Chairman should be contacted first and proper sanction should be obtained prior to any work being done. In the meantime the Chairman will contact Walmer Castle and resolve the complaint and arrange a site meeting in spring with Cllr Thompson to resolve and misunderstandings.

#### **1496. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA.**

**Hanging basket brackets removed from lampposts when replacing by DDC and KCC – RA to find previous correspondence and push to have these replaced at relevant organisation cost**

#### **1497. BUDGET**

(i) Members received a Provisional budget for 2022/2023.

**RESOLVED: Noted.**

#### **1498. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2021**

##### **A) FLORAL DISPLAYS**

###### **i) Fixed planters**

DT did a great job with maintenance on planters

Colour scheme agreed as red, blue, purple and silver to coincide with the Queens Jubilee

RA to get permissions to hang baskets from DDC and KCC

###### **ii) Hanging Floral Displays**

RA to contact Simon Chapman and get quote for the maintenance for 56 hanging baskets

###### **iii) DDC planting schedule for 2022**

RA to contact

**B) KEY ACTIVITY DATES**

Members received an updated copy of the Campaigns key activity dates for 2022

**RESOLVED: That the information be noted**

**C) School/Youth Activities**

Members agreed to use an update version of the school poster competition specification RA to send out to the two schools. RA to ensure all dates are correct on poster

**RESOLVED: Posters can be sent to the schools**

**1499. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

South East in Bloom

Hedge whips for car park area in Hawksdown

To receive a report from Mr R Oram on a new Hawkshill Management plan

Signs

**1500. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2022 at 7:00pm at the Town Office, 8 The Strand, Walmer, Deal.

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The meeting closed at 20.20.

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