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Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on Tuesday 22nd of February 2022 at 8 The Strand, Walmer, Deal at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs S Le Chevalier (Chairing), Cllr D Thompson, Cllr P Jull, Mr V Recas and Mr R Oram

Officer present: R Aldred

1514. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1515. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1516. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting, held on Tuesday February 22, 2022, were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record

Proposed by: Cllr Jull.

Seconded by: Cllr Thompson.

1517. HAWKSHILL

A verbal report from Cllr Thompson was received

Average attendance was up month to 4 volunteers.

Volunteers had cleared one tree fallen in the storm that was leaning over a walkway

Cllr Thompson met with the Chairman of the Kent Tree and Pond Wardens on site and they toured the site. A report will be forthcoming from the group

Tree cuttings have provided a log store to be used in various projects on site

New lock has been fitted to the shed, new hinges are likely to be required now. Cllr Thompson to provide a spare of the keys to the office.

Mr Recas has from the last meeting purchased and planted the hedging in the area by the car park.

A request to place a bench within the grounds of Hawkshill was received from a local resident. The bench will be specially made of metal and powder coated to prevent weathering. The bench will be secured at the resident's cost. Cllr Thompson presented two potential sites for housing.

RESOLVED – Bench to be sited on the southern border, the office and Cllr Thompson or a member of the Hawkshill volunteers to tie down exact location. Office to produce a disclaimer for maintenance and removal if required.

Proposed Cllr Thompson

Seconded Cllr Mrs Le Chevalier

1518. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA.

Deputy Clerk presented a report on the storm damage to Hawkshill and a plan for what could be done going forward.

RESOLVED – To get a cost for an abroculturalist to come view area and give a safety audit report to take to full council.

Proposed – Cllr Jull

Seconded – Mr Recas

1519. BUDGET

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

RESOLUTION – Noted.

1520. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2022

A) FLORAL DISPLAYS

i. To consider

- a) Fixed planters – plants are looking good. Drill field planter needs updating passed to office to treat and re paint in sea green.
- b) Floral hanging displays – Contract for maintenance and plants have been confirmed. And permission forms sent to KCC
- c) Spring planting – Limit of £30 per planter was agreed.

RESOLVED – Spending limit of £30 per planter set

Proposed – Cllr Mrs Le Chevalier

Seconded – Mr V Recas

B) KEY ACTIVITY DATES

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

Members to note.

C) SCHOOL POSTER COMPETITION

Updated version of the judging guidelines was received. Deputy clerk to complete folder once deadline has past and e-mail members inviting them to come into the office to vote.

1521 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Cllr Mrs Le Chevalier and Deputy Clerk to inspect baskets once hung.

1522 HAWKSHILL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr Oram gave a detailed report on management of butterflies in area and possibilities of working with other conservation groups to further the number of species. Cllr Jull suggested linking contacting the White Cliffs Project who also manage chalk grassland.

RESOLVED – Mr Oram to move forward with researching opportunities regarding the grassland

Proposed – Cllr Mrs Le Chevalier

Seconded – Cllr Thompson

1523 SIGNS

This item was not discussed to be carried forward to the next meeting

1524. HAWKSHILL ON SITE POETRY SESSSIONS

Initial contact with the Events Committee has been made item to be carried forward on next Walmer in Bloom agenda.

1525. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Hawkshill Management

Signs

Poetry on Site

1526. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 26th of April 2022 at 7:00pm at the No 8 The Strand, Walmer, Deal.

The meeting closed at 20.20.

Signed_____

Dated_____