



**Elsenham Parish Council
Flowerbeds Committee
Minutes of meeting
held on 26 May 2020 at 11.00am
via online Zoom**

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Present: Mrs. M Jackson (Chairman MJ), Dr. G Mott (GM), Ms. J Rayment (JR), Mr. A Hathaway (AH) and Mrs. L Johnson (Parish Clerk LJ).	
Members of the public: None.	
Apologies for absence: Mr. D Belton (DB)	
Item	Actions agreed
Declarations of Interest None.	
Open to the Public None present.	
Minutes The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2020	The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record
Matters Arising At the last meeting MJ had informed members that she had been successful in obtaining £500 from Cllr. Lees and LeCount Home Bonus funding. Unfortunately, the situation has now changed and UDC have stopped all these payments, due to lack of funds in the current situation.	
Budget 2020/21 The £500 promised by the District Councillors was to go towards the new flowerbeds at Leigh Drive, Memorial Gardens and Broom Farm. Due to the funds for the purchasing of the summer-bedding plants having been taken from previous year's budgets, the only funds spent so far this year is £413, which was for the purchase of the wood. The budget currently stands at £1,750. There are therefore enough funds to cover the cost of the work for the new flowerbeds, but the	

<p>Committee would run out of money when the time comes to purchasing the summer planting for 2021/22.</p> <p>The Finance Committee had suggested that a grant for £500 is obtained. MJ and LJ have looked in to grants but there were not any that were suitable for this kind of project. AH and JR suggested a sponsorship, this is a good idea, but it was thought that most companies are short of funding due to the Coronavirus.</p> <p>It was therefore agreed to ask Full Council for £500 extra in this year's budget.</p>	<p>LJ to place a proposal on the agenda for June's meeting</p>
<p><u>Memorial Garden</u></p> <p>It was agreed to keep the Tommys in the same position, but to place them on 4 paving slabs. This would make it easier for maintaining the grass around the area. EPC may be able to obtain paving slabs from UDC. AH said he was happy to re-assemble the Tommys onto the paving slabs.</p>	<p>MJ to investigate prices for paving slabs</p>
<p><u>Summer Planting</u></p> <p>The geraniums have been planted at Henham Road, Stansted Road and Station Road. MJ to place a post on Facebook asking for volunteers to water them.</p> <p>The Belton's have asked that priority is given, when constructing the new flowerbeds, to the three diamond beds by the Memorial Garden, as geraniums that have been grown by the Belton's are to be planted in these beds.</p> <p>All the plants from Plants Galore are to be delivered to the Belton's'</p>	<p>LJ to give Tom Belton's phone number to Mick Burke so they can liaise</p>
<p><u>Replacing Flowerbeds</u></p> <p>AH asked that if the brackets and stainless silver screws that are on the current flowerbeds' boxes are not transferred over to the new boxes, could he please have them back, so they can be used again.</p> <p>AH stated that before the flowerbed boxes are constructed the wood should be treated.</p>	<p>LJ to advice Mick Burke</p>
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
<p>Next meeting to be advised</p>	
<p>Meeting closed at 11.20am</p>	