



## Elsenham Parish Council

### Flowerbeds Committee

#### Minutes of meeting

held on Tuesday 27 October 2020 at 11.00am

via online Zoom

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| <b>Present:</b><br>Mrs. M Jackson (Chairman MJ), Dr. G Mott (GM), Ms. J Rayment (JR)<br>Mr. A Hathaway and Mrs. L Johnson (Parish Clerk LJ).  |  |
| <b>Members of the public:</b> Mrs. Sue Waite.   |  |
| <b>Apologies for absence:</b> Mr. D Belton (DB) and Mr. T Belton (TB).  |  |
| <b>Item</b>   | <b>Actions agreed</b>                                    |
| <b>Declarations of Interest</b><br>None.  |  |
| <b>Open to the Public</b>   |  |
| <b>Minutes</b><br>The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2020.  | The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record. |
| <b>Matters Arising</b><br>There were no matters arising.  |  |
| <b>Budget 2020/21</b><br>Remaining funds £548. These funds will be used on summer bedding plants before the end of March 2021.<br>Budget for 2021/2022<br>Maintenance Contract      £2,400<br>Summer Planting              £1,000<br>Geraniums                      £ 100<br>Winter Planting                £ 600<br>Fertilisers/weedkillers      £ 100<br>Wood preservative            £ 100<br>Bark chipping and<br>Compost                         £ 100<br>Remaining                        £ 100 |  |
| It was agreed to ask the Finance Committee for a £4,500 budget for 2021/2022.   |  |

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| <p>The amount for the summer planting has increased due to starting the new project of using perennials in some of the flowerbeds. In previous years, the Flowerbed budget has been topped up during the year by funds from other sources, mainly through our District Councillors and the new Home Bonus.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Winter Planting</b><br/> The winter planting took place on Tuesday 20 October 2020. A big 'Thank You' goes to the volunteers that helped on the day, Sue and Chris Waite, Allan and Gill Hathaway, Bill and Sandra Smith and Gloria Easton. Also thank you to Tom and Dave Belton who worked extremely hard on the day.</p>   | <p>MJ to take photos for the Parish Council's website once the plants are more established.</p> |
| <p><b>Summer Planting 2021</b><br/> JR had composed a list of suggested perennial plants that could be used next year. If other members have any suggestions please send them to MJ, who will then liaise with TB.<br/> The final decision on what plants to buy can be discussed at the next Flowerbed meeting, as the order will not have to be submitted until around February 2021.</p> |   |
| <p><b>New Councilor on Committee</b><br/> All members were in favour of formally asking Sue Waite (SW) to join the Flowerbed Committee, MJ welcomed SW to the committee.</p>  | <p>LJ to add to Full Council agenda.</p>  |
| <p><b>Any Other Business</b><br/> <b>There was no other business.</b></p>   |   |
| <p>Next meeting to be arranged in January 2021</p>  |   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meeting closed at 11.20am.</b></p>  |   |