



**Elsenham Parish Council  
Flowerbeds Working Group  
Minutes of meeting  
held on Friday 10 September 2021 at 2.00pm  
via Zoom**

<b>Present:</b> Mrs. M Jackson (Chairman MJ), Dr. Graham Mott (GM), Mrs. S Waite (SW) And Mrs. Louise Johnson (Parish Clerk LJ).	
<b>Members of the public: none.</b>	
<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Mr. A Hathaway (AH).	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Actions agreed</b>
<b>Appointment of Chairperson</b> As the Flowerbed Committee no longer has a quorum, it has now become a working group. MJ has been co-opted on. Any decisions at this meeting would be provisional and would be proposed at the next Full Parish Council meeting, this does not affect the monthly payments to the contractor for the flowerbed maintenance. It was agreed that MJ would Chair the meetings.	
<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None.	
<b>Open to the Public</b> none.	
<b>Minutes</b> The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2021.	The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.
<b>Matters Arising</b> <b>Bug boxes</b> SW had looked at some bug boxes, but the cost varied. <b>Proposal for Full Council</b> EPC spent up to £50 to purchase bug boxes for the Memorial Garden.	LJ to add to agenda.
<b>Budget</b> The balance stands at £1,084 The winter planting has already been deducted.	
<b>Summer Planting 2021</b> The summer planting has been completed. The begonias are look	

<p>beautiful. Tom is concerned about the right-hand side Leigh Drive flowerbed. Tom things the best action is to completely dig it out, going deeper into the ground and installing a membrane and new soil. Proposal for Full Council. Proposal EPC spend up to £300 on membrane and soil.</p> <p>The Leigh Drive and the Station flower boxes are starting to split open on the corners, plus there is a wasp nest in the station flower box. AH said he would look at these. New wood may need to be purchased</p>	<p>LJ to add to agenda MJ to check price with Tom.</p> <p>MJ is to speak to AH.</p>
<p><b>Winter Planning</b> The mixed pansies have been ordered. No date has been set yet for planting them.</p>	
<p><b>Summer Planting 2022</b> A meeting is required with Tom to discuss the possibility of have perennials in 2022. Tom has said that there is still a major problem sourcing perennial, there is a general lack of supply and what is available, the prices have increased. It would however, been lovely to still go ahead with this new project next year.</p>	
<p><b>Memorial Garden</b> There has been some work carried out in The memorial Garden by a fabulous group of volunteers. The cherry trees are still being watered by SW and Jackie and are progressing well, one is being covered by ground elder, this is a weed which will need to be removed by hand. Hilary and David Belton work in the Memorial Garden once a week, systematically going round the garden and carry out the work that is required. When volunteers help in future it may useful if Hilary and David explain what is needed to be done and how much pruning is required. There is still a small about of clippings waiting to be removed.</p> <p>A berberis bush is growing in the garden, although this can look beautiful the spikes are very sharp, so this has been cut down to a low level.</p> <p>In the summer on a YouTube channel, a presenter who visits villages in Essex, came to Elsenham, he walked round the village saying how beautiful it was. For some of the presentation he stood in front of the Memorial Garden, which looked fabulous behind him.</p>	<p>LJ to ask Mick to remove them</p>
<p><b>Any Other Business</b> It was agreed that MJ would write a report for the Parish Council meeting which SW would read out. MJ asked that she is informed of any questions or comments raised about the flowerbeds at Full Council.</p>	
<p>Next meeting to be confirmed.</p>	
<p><b>Meeting closed at 2.20pm.</b></p>	