

**Minutes of Flowerbeds Committee Meeting  
held on 3 April 2023 at 12.30pm  
in the Memorial Garden  
followed at 1.00pm  
in the Memorial Hall**

**Present:**

Mrs. M Jackson (Chair MJ), Sam Ashenden (SA), Mrs. B Donald (BD),  
Mr. A Hathaway (AH), Dr. Graham Mott (GM), Mrs. S Waite (SW)  
and Mrs. L Johnson (Parish Clerk LJ).

**Members of the public:** none.

**1. Apologies for absence: None.**

**2. Declarations of Interest: None.**

**3. Open to the public.**

**4. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2023 were agreed by the committee as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**5. Walk around the village.**

Ideas discussed.

- Hanging baskets on the village sign by the Memorial Garden. Watered by the memorial hose.
- Plus, erect a matching post opposite with hanging baskets. Watered by the memorial hose.
- Hanging baskets on the village Post Office. Watered by the post office.
- Hanging baskets on the gas box near MJ house. Watered by MJ.
- New flowerbox on De Mandeville Green. Watered by Paul Mortimer?
- Daffodils along the wall on De Mandeville Green.
- Daffodils around the base of the trees on De Mandeville Green, apart from the pear tree.
- A variety of bulbs that bloom at different times of the year.
- Oziers Green, bulbs around the perimeter, or a flowerbed to stop residents driving over the Green.
- Ask the residents of De Mandeville and Oziers if they would like flowers on their Green and ask for suggestions.
- Community bed. Ask residents if they have too many seedlings, could they plant them in the community bed.

**6. Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

**7. Budget.**

EPC were now in the new financial year.

LJ to circulate the budgets for the new year.

**8. Summer Planting 2023.**

Tom has still not been able to purchase perennials.

The summer planting will take place at the end of May beginning of June.

As the pansies in the Robin Hood Road Flowerbed are very sparse the repairs to the wood could be carried out now. MJ to confirm with Tom.

**9. Memorial Garden.**

The bulbs look great.

AH is repairing the bench which the vandals damaged.

**10. Pesticides Policy.**

EPC Pesticides Policy needs updating.

It can then be put forward as a proposal for EPC to adopt. There are some exceptions with regards to the playing field and paths.

If the policy is adopted then the football pitch maintenance, that the football club are arranging, would also have to abide by it.

**11. Five Year Plan update.**

MJ said she would have the plan ready for the next meeting.

The plan will be written down but can always be changed. Items can be taken off, others slotted in. There will also be an estimated budget for each project and time scale.

**12. Any Other Business.**

GM said that the Flowerbed Committee Terms of Reference may need to be revised to include the hanging baskets and bulbs.

SA volunteered to treat the wood on the flowerbeds in front of the Memorial Garden.

MJ welcomed SA as a co-opted member of the Flowerbed Committee.

**13. Date of Next Meeting.**

3rd or 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm depending on the venue.