



**Elsenham Parish Council
Flowerbeds Committee
Minutes of Meeting
held on 27 August 2019 at 4pm
1 Saunders Close, Elsenham**

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Present: Mrs. M Jackson (Chairman - MJ), Mrs. E Chong (EC), Mr. A Hathaway (AH), Dr. G Mott (GM), Ms. J Rayment (JR), Mr. D Belton (DB) and Mrs. L Johnson (Parish Clerk - LJ).	
Members of the public: None.	
Apologies for absence: Miss. H Mudge (HM).	
Item	Actions agreed
Declarations of Interest None.	
Open to the Public None present.	
Minutes The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2019.	The minutes were signed by the Chairman MJ, as a true and accurate record.
Matters Arising Diamond Beds AH had done an excellent job repairing the diamond beds in front of the Memorial Garden. It is only a temporary repair, but should last until next year. AH had also raised the Elsenham Sign at the entrance by the motorway bridge. The site visit regarding the proposed siting of new bed/s at Bedwell Road/New Road, is to be held at 10am on 17 September 2019; members are to meet on the corner of Alsa Gardens.	AH is to send LJ an invoice for the materials of £32.00.
Budget 2019/20 The current flowerbed budget stands at £1,650	

<p>Memorial Garden and Flowerbeds</p> <p>It had been established that the fence at the back of the Memorial Garden does belong to EPC. If the fence is replaced with a taller fence or if a trellis is added to the existing fence, making it more than 1.8meters high, EPC will have to ask for planning permission.</p> <p>The planning application for Little Glebe, the adjacent property to the Memorial Gardens has been amended, the second vehicular access close to the mini roundabouts has been removed. EPC had sent off their objections to the application and have asked District Cllr. Petrina Lees to 'Call it in'. The Reverend Gary Townsend has also submitted an objection.</p> <p>DB has started to trim the yew trees in the Memorial Garden. Unfortunately, when the trees were planted, they were not dug in deep enough, and about 26 trees have died; these will need replacing; DB is to arrange a quote. 'Thank you' goes to Caryl Benner who does an excellent job watering the Memorial Garden every day.</p>	
<p>Flowerbeds</p> <p>The flowerboxes under the Elsenham sign are now being watered by the new residents living in the adjacent house. GM asked if they would mind watering them, and they said that they would be delighted to do it.</p> <p>It was agreed that the begonias looked wonderful, it is worth purchasing good strong plants.</p> <p>The Broom Farm flowerboxes were also looking excellent.</p> <p>Proposal, to purchases 1800 pansies of mixed colours, including delivery at a price of £635.</p> <p>The new cycle path by the flowerbox on the corner of Stansted Road and Robin Hood Road has still not been completed; there is an 18inch strip of land which has been left.</p> <p>The Station Café sign has been placed on the new cycle path; this is causing a hazard.</p>	<p>MJ proposed, EC seconded, the vote was carried unanimously.</p> <p>LJ to try and establish with Highways as to how and when it is going to be completed.</p> <p>LJ to contact the Station Café and ask them to remove it.</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>MJ and JR are going to discuss ways of funding for the new flowerboxes.</p> <p>AH said he will be able to construct the diamond beds at the Memorial Hall and the beds at Leigh Drive, both require new timber and membrane. A contractor would be required to carry out the</p>	

work needed on the beds by Broom Farm; one suggestion was Chris Rowley. AH is to do a rough calculation as to the amount of funding required.. LJ to arrange another cut by the Elsenham signs by the motorway bridge.	
Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 26 September 2019 at 4pm.	
Meeting closed at 4.45pm.	