



**Elsenham Parish Council
Flowerbeds Committee
Minutes of meeting
held on 29 September 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) and Mrs. L Johnson (Parish Clerk LJ).	
Members of the public: None.	
Apologies for absence: Mr. A Hathaway (AH), Mr. D Belton (DB) and Mr. T Belton (TB).	
Item	Actions agreed
Declarations of Interest None.	
Open to the Public None present.	
Minutes The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2020	The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record
Matters Arising COVID Snake. This matter appears to have been resolved, the ECA have kindly offered to have a small wall, one brick high, professionally built around the fence of the Memorial Hall, the stones will be set into the bricks. The families that started the Covid snake are delighted with this suggestion. Use of Weedkillers Weedkillers cannot be used in or around land that belongs to the ECA, and for other areas around the village an organic alternative should be used. The current grass cutter contractor is to carry out research on alternative weed killers. The 'Grass Cutting' contract will need to be amended.	MJ to discuss with Peter Johnson and Peter Clear.

<p>Budget 2020/21 Balance is currently £640 There are still enough funds to pay for the summer planting, plus some more soil may be required.</p>	
<p><u>Winter Planting</u> The winter planting is on Tuesday 20 October 2020. Because of the current Covid-19 restrictions MJ is not going to ask the public for volunteers. However, there were some volunteers that had requested to help, they would have to work on a flowerbed on their own or with their partner. MJ is to check with TB when he would be removing the begonias, as in previous years MJ will be offering the plants to the public. The begonias have been stunning this year, MJ thanked the Beltons for looking after them so well.</p>	
<p><u>Summer Planting</u> TB has some new ideas to change the style of planting for next year. There would be more perennial plants, which would not need replacing twice a year. JR had passed on a list to MJ of plants that may be suitable. The flowerbeds at Leigh Drive have looked healthier this year, due to a local gardening company watering them regularly.</p>	<p>MJ to liaise with TB. MJ to thank them.</p>
<p><u>Any Other Business</u> There was no other business.</p>	
<p>Next meeting to be held on 27 October 2020 at 11.00am.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting closed at 11.15am.</p>	