

**Minutes of Flowerbeds Committee Meeting  
held on Monday 10 June 2024, 3.45pm  
on De-Mandeville Green.**

**All members of the public welcome**

**Present:**

Mrs. M Jackson (Chair MJ), Mrs. 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:** Mick Burke.

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

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

**3. Open to the public:** No questions.

**4. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2024 will be agreed at the next Flowerbed Committee meeting.

**5. Matters arising from the last meeting.**

**5.1. Wildflower area.**

The committee met on De-Mandeville Green to visualize how the wildflower area could look. It was agreed to leave a 3-metre-strip around the boundary for the site line. Two 3-metre-wide paths, one running from Station Road straight across the green, the other branching off this path curving towards the left. The rest of the area will be left for wildflowers. BD will prepare an illustrated map. The map and the leaflet will be distributed to nearby houses.

**5.2. Bloor Homes.**

To provide a second flowerbox. **On going.**

**5.3. Conifer.**

The conifer in the flower box on Henham Road needs to be re-planted. **To be replanted when the summer planting is carried out on 19 June.**

**5.4. Hanging Baskets.**

AH is picking up the hanging baskets to go on the Elsenham sign this week; MJ has asked if they could be as identical as possible.

**5.5. Tommy.**

AH has repaired the Tommy in the Memorial Garden, in time for the D-Day celebrations on 6 June 2024. The Tommy had been broken off and was laying in the hedge. AH added some steel to reinforce it and re-painted it black where required.

## 6. **Summer planting 2024.**

The date for the summer planting is 19 June 2024.

## 7. **The Pump House.**

A letter had been sent to EPC from the History Society stating their objections to having any flowerboxes attached to the Pump House. Flowerbed Committee members were all disappointed about this but felt they had to respect the History Society concerns at this present time.

## 8. **Five Year Plan update. Now on year two of the plan.**

### **Year 1: 2023 - 2024. Now completed.**

- Bulbs planting – Memorial Garden.
  - Introducing perennials into flowerbeds at Leigh Drive – Verbena, Lavender, Ornamental Grasses.
  - Replace the roses in the diamond beds at the Memorial Garden.
  - Summer Planting-Begonias/Geraniums.
  - New Flowerbeds (2) at Bloor Homes site?
  - Removal of existing flowerbeds at Henham Road.
  - Treat/protect/replace wood of flowerbeds.
    - Diamond beds.
    - Robin Hood Road.
    - Leigh Drive.
    - Broom Farm.
    - The Station.
  - Repairing flowerbed Robin Hood Road.
    - Started Spring 2023.
    - Complete Autumn 2023.
  
  - Winter planting – pansies.
  - Spring bulbs.
    - De-Mandeville.
    - The Spinney.
    - Memorial Garden.
  - Consider opportunities for new flowerbeds/hanging baskets/bulb planting.
  - Investigate new opportunities for sponsorship.
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### **Year 2: 2024 - 2025.**

- Introducing perennials into Broom Farm. **Grasses may enhance this flowerbed.**
  - Increase perennials in Robin Hood Road. **Monitor the Leigh Drive flowerbeds first.**
  - Treat/protect/replace wood of flowerbeds. **On going.**
  - Summer planting.
  - Spring bulb planting. **Purchase more bulbs. Some more tulips for the Memorial Garden.**
  - Consider opportunities for new flowerbeds/hanging baskets/bulb planting. **Two have been ordered for May from Perrys.**
  - Investigate new opportunities for sponsorship. **AH on going.**
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**Year 3: 2025 - 2026.**

- Introducing perennials into Broom Farm.
  - Increase perennials in Robin Hood Road.
  - Treat/protect/replace wood of flowerbeds.
  - Summer planting.
  - Spring bulb planting.
  - Consider opportunities for new flowerbeds/hanging baskets/bulb planting.
  - Investigate new opportunities for sponsorship.
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**Year 4: 2026 - 2027.**

- Introducing perennials into Broom Farm.
  - Increase perennials in Robin Hood Road.
  - Treat/protect/replace wood of flowerbeds.
  - Summer planting.
  - Spring bulb planting.
  - Consider opportunities for new flowerbeds/hanging baskets/bulb planting.
  - Investigate new opportunities for sponsorship.
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**Year 5: 2027-2028.**

- Introducing perennials into Broom Farm.
  - Increase perennials in Robin Hood Road.
  - Treat/protect/replace wood of flowerbeds.
  - Summer planting.
  - Spring bulb planting.
  - Consider opportunities for new flowerbeds/hanging baskets/bulb planting.
  - Investigate new opportunities for sponsorship.
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**Additional Notes.**

Contract renewal.

Register/contract groups for volunteers.

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**9. Any Other Business. None.**

**10. Date of Next Meeting TBA**

The meeting finished at 4.15pm