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Minutes of the meeting of the Walmer in Bloom Committee held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2022 at 8 The Strand, Walmer, Deal at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs S Le Chevalier (Chairing), Cllr D Thompson, Cllr P Jull, Mr V Recas

Officer present: R Aldred

**1501. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr R Oram.

**1502. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

**1503. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting, held on Tuesday January 11, 2022, were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record

Proposed by: Cllr Jull.

Seconded by: Cllr Thompson.

**1504. HAWKSHILL**

A verbal report from Cllr Thompson was received

Since last meeting Sunday meet ups have had a three volunteer average and have been focused on clearing a fallen tree, clearing, and cutting back brush.

A new volunteer has been recruited and will need to complete registration.

Members of East Kent Climate Change group were given a guided tour of the site by Cllr Thompson they provided two reports to consider and donated some hedge whips of suitable types, these have already been planted.

Some of the cuttings that have been planted have begun to grow.

Rocks being removed from the soil will be used to set up a rock area to attract lizards

Storm had upended quite a few trees; office has already contacted a landscaper to clear the paths further work will be required after this. Soil will need to be filled in where upended. Look at possibilities of damaged trees for mulch.

Possibility of damage to Walmer Castle Fences to be reviewed once we can safely get into the area.

**1505. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA.**

**Hanging basket brackets removed from lampposts when replacing by DDC and KCC** – RA to find previous correspondence and push to have these replaced at relevant organisation cost

**1506. BUDGET**

(i) Members received a Provisional budget for 2022/2023.

**RESOLUTION** – Noted.

## 1507. LOCAL CAMPAIGN 2021

### A) FLORAL DISPLAYS

#### i. To consider

- a) Fixed planters - Planting is progressing only Drill Field planters left to plant. Station Road Planter needs some attention RA to organise office to review and repair if possible. Drill field Planters Cllr Thompson and Mr Recas to rescue these.
- b) South East in Bloom - Committee decided not to enter this year but to review for next year.
- c) DDC planting schedule for 2022 - Dover District Council colours are to be red, white and blue to fit in with the Jubilee theme.

#### ii. To consider

- a) Quotation for permit application from Kent County Council to hang baskets  
**RESOLUTION** KCC £30 for the licence to hang baskets from lampposts.
- b) Quotation for Chapman Landscape maintenance – Chapman provide a complete service that we cannot get elsewhere so only one quote  
**RESOLUTION** Chapmans £2848 for 16 weeks watering, collection and removal of baskets.
- c) Plants for hanging baskets and planters – Young Nurseries were only company to quotes from the 4 sent out  
**RESOLUTION.** Youngs Nursery, £800.00 for supply of 54 hanging baskets.

### B) KEY ACTIVITY DATES

Members received an updated copy of the Campaigns key activity dates for 2022  
**Members to note.**

### C) PRESS ACTIVITIES

Members agreed to use an updated version of the press release from last year. Deputy clerk to circulate.

## 1508 HEDGE WHIPS FOR CAR PARKING AREA

V Recas reported that we had received a donation of whips that had been planted but at further 38-40 would be required to run along the path area, this fits with the management plan from 2015. Plants to be considered are Common Hazel, Common Hawthorne, Wild Cherry, Guelder Rose and Wild Privet

**RESOLUTION:** Up to £150 approved for the forty whips

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Le Chevalier

Seconded: Cllr Jull

## 1509 HAWKSHILL MANAGEMENT PLAN

This item was not discussed to be carried forward to the next meeting

## 1510 SIGNS

This item was not discussed to be carried forward to the next meeting

## 1511 HAWKSHILL ON SITE POETRY SESSSIONS

Cllr Thompson read a poem to introduce John Wakeman, Hawkshill Volunteer and local poet. Mr Wakeman laid out plans for a poetry competition that would conclude with an event at Hawkshill with potentially a prize linked to Hawkshill called Zoom. An expert judge is already in place, competition would be run remotely and involve Walmer Schools. This would promote the use of Hawkshill. Committee were impressed and would like to progress this. Cllr Mrs Le Chevalier to speak to events committee before any further progress is made.

**1512. ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

Hawkshill Management

Signs

Poetry on Site

**1513. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 22<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 at 7:00pm at the No 8 The Strand, Walmer, Deal.

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The meeting closed at 20.20.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_