

Minutes Hopton in Bloom Wednesday March 15th 2017 at 11.15 am in St John's Meeting Room

1. **Minutes of last meeting** on Wednesday February 15th 2017 proposed Alison and seconded by Anita.
2. **Matters arising.** Finger Post is an ongoing project to see where they might be appropriate. Flag design to be revisited.
Email from Claire to say that she is sorry that she cannot commit to HiB as she does not have time to do anything useful. She does appreciate all we do.

4. Financial Report

FINANCIAL REPORT @ 14.03.17

We have had an expenditure of £319.75

Plants £202.87 – Equipment £51.78 - Building Projects £36.70 - Advertising £28.40

An income of £50.00

Calendar'17 £50.00

PETTY CASH

We have had an expenditure of £43.45

Building/Projects £28.00 – Advertising £15.45

An income of £8.00

Advertising (payback UHCA) £8.00

We spend approx. £2500 annually on plants.

We discussed other planned expenditure and considered the repair and refurbishment of the benches in the Rose Garden which are in disrepair. It was suggested that as it is a skilled job that we pay someone to paint them.

Action Russ is to ask a neighbour who has experience in wood and fencing. The trellis is also on the list to be restored.

5. Plans for Calendar 2018

Last year the Calendar had 21 sponsors and we were grateful for their support. We decide that we would print 250 next year. Theme is to be **Views In and Around Hopton** and we will run the Photographic competition and request a title or caption with each photo.

6. Spring Judging YiB

Brenden Mowforth and Sue Hoyle (now changed to Paul Marshall) are to be our judges. Confirmed date is Wednesday 5th April; time to be decided.

Portfolio items to include:-

New Planter at Croft House and the new ones church inside the churchyard gates

Metal Safety Gate on Rec

John's gate to Rec

Compost bins / leaf bins

Tree works around Croft House

Telephone box

Rhododendron removal

Working with Preschool

New bug hotel

New border near container.

Actions needed before the visit Containers round the lamp post to be planted up

It was suggested we buy Munchers Mulch for the perennial border in the Rose Garden

Discussion on Route to use the same route as last year and to include the Travellers

Chis to contact Dewsbury to sweep the roads when the date is confirmed

7. Plans for Planting for Summer 2017

Margaret has ordered plug plants; Antirrhinums of all colours 6x 72 Madam Butterfly for circles and 7 X72 mini butterfly for beds and banking at Croft House and Hopton Drive and Avenue

Alison has priced plug plants for the barrels,

Lamp post and Mangers trailing begonias are to be sourced locally by Kath.

8. Garden Trail Date for July 8th 2017 ongoing and Alison thinks we will need some new gardens.

9. K6 telephone Box

Is looking lovely with the Spring display and there will be a new display for Easter.

10. Round the Team. Sharing information and queries.

The top garden in the Rec needs a blitz. Team to tackle next week

11. Preschool Planned Activities.

Wednesday Photograph with Rotary and some of the team for publication to highlight End Polio Now Campaign.

Monday April 3rd at 10.50 the Easter Story and Egg hunt in St John's Church

12. AOB

Date of next meeting will be Wednesday May 10th 2017