

Minutes Wednesday May 20th 2015 at St John's Church at 11a.m

2. Minutes of last meeting Wednesday April 22nd 2015 Gail proposed and Anne seconded.

3. Matters arising.

We quite like the big tubs and they are available from Amberol. After discussion it was decided that Alison is to order three beige coloured ones and Gail is to paint to them to look like stone wall. The existing barrels are to be relocated at the Hairdresser's shop and Elmwood Close.

Lynne will help with watering rota.

Chris has contacted Naomi to put gutter on pod.

The barrels at the Sutcliffe memorial need revitalising and the hydrangeas are to be moved as they prefer damp conditions. Perhaps we could suggest siting a water but at the Cricket club. On Wednesday, we are to consider the position of the barrel by telephone and whether it should be moved forward.

4. Financial Report @ 18/05/15

5. Report Calendar 2016. Photographic Competition and Sponsors

Kath has tried to contact the Railway pub but it may be closed. We have 5 payments in already and 2 new sponsors, Monuscript and M Stead. Kath will visit the remaining sponsors again. John still needs more photographs for the photographic competition. An appeal has been sent out to all contacts.

6. Yorkshire in Bloom. Date for Summer Judging is Wednesday July 8th at 10.30am, meeting at St John's with Judges Ms Beatrice Myers and Mr Jack Mears. It was suggested that the route to go other way round and end the tour at Margaret's garden for lunch. We will all bring items for the lunch. Roger is to be asked to do the summer update for the portfolio.

Chris is to compile a draft route for next meeting and to circulate judging criteria.

(Since the meeting the comments for the Spring Judging have been circulated. The Awards Ceremony is at York Racecourse on Tuesday September 8th and we have four allocated places plus a waiting list for extra places.)

7. Planting Progress for Summer 2015. Margaret emailed to say that the summer plants will be delivered from Knowl Park on Wednesday June 3rd at approx. 9 am. Any re-siting of polyanthus before that would be most helpful.

Chris has contacted the Cricket Club and they are happy to allow us to plant into the walls at Cricket Club. These will require little or no maintenance. We need to clear the path to the Sutcliffe Memorial at cricket Club.

8. Garden Trail Alison has confirmation that twelve gardens are to open but felt that there was not as much enthusiasm as last year. We need people to help in Croft House on the day; Dammka and Jim are to be asked to man the bar for soft drinks. Kath, Chris and Sue are in the kitchen and we will need a rota of people serving refreshments. Kath will order food. Anne, Marlene, Betty, Anita and others to be asked. Anne Heeley will sell programmes Discussion took place on how to plan the party afterwards in Croft House and we decided on nibbles and glass of wine. Adele can get a discount on prepared sandwiches. It was suggested that we think about holding a scarecrow festival next year with a Flower festival in church. This could provide activities to involve families, e.g. collecting letters to make a word up. Also involve pub.

It was decided to hold an Invitation evening at the Club on October 9 th. Discuss further at next meeting.

9. Round the Team sharing information and queries. James raised the problem of the area round the car park looking untidy and he and Chris agreed to consider leaving wildflower areas around Croft House car park and to meet with others to discuss on Wednesday morning. Then we can plant foxgloves etc in the long grass.. Gail has looked at the brochures which Roger provided about the trellis at the small entrance and she is to ask John (who made our railings) to design an archway.

10. Preschool. The children really enjoyed making the bug hotel, and Toni's input was very valuable and we have lots of photos. We are to have another session next month June 10th planting wild flowers.

11. New Gates to Recreation Ground. The gates are now ready and the project is ongoing

12. Trip to Harrogate Autumn Flower Show Tricia still collecting names and there are 4 seats left on the coach. She is considering booking a meal at the Kaye's Arms on return from Harrogate.

13. AOB At the next meeting we are to vote on the time and where future meetings are to take place as we will have completed our three months trial.

Date of next meeting will be Wednesday June 17th at 11.30 at the Meeting Room in St John's