

**Minutes of the Great Coates in Bloom Committee held at 7.00 pm
at the Venue in the Village, Cooks Lane, Great Coates, Grimsby, DN37 9NW on 17 August 2023**

Present: Cllr M. Stewart, D. Stewart, Tom McBride, Casandra Forrester, Tom Wimsey, Marilyn Wimsey,
Gerry Smith, Jenny Scoffin, Michael Hunt, Amanda Riggall, Carl Thomas (Clerk),

In Attendance:

Members of public present: 0

1 To receive apologies and reasons for absence - Ref: 2329

Cllr Chris Dunn, Fiona Dunn, Jill Sylvester

2 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests. - Ref: 2330

None

3 To co-opt members - Ref: 2331

Jenny Scoffin was co-opted onto the committee

Proposed: Cllr M. Stewart Seconder: D. Stewart All in favour

4 To approve minutes from last meeting. - Ref: 2332

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2023 as a true record.

Proposed: Amanda Riggall Seconder: Tom Wimsey All in favour

5 Finance Report - Ref: 2333

The Clerk advised that the balance of funds was £1780 which included allowing for summer planting.

6 Working party dates & requirements - Ref: 2334

Various dates and work was agreed

7 McMillan coffee morning - 30/09/23 - Ref: 2335

The Chairman reminded members of the event on 30/09/23 at the Village Hall.

8 East Midlands In Bloom - Awards Ceremony / Meal - Ref: 2336

The awards ceremony takes place on 12th September and will be attended by Cllr Mike Stewart, Dawn Stewart, Amanda Riggall and Carl Thomas.

9 Signage - Ref: 2337

It was resolved to purchase signs reflecting the groups success to be placed at the entrance to the village but to be delayed until the result of the 2023 competition.

The cost for signs would be £330.

Proposed: Amanda Riggall Seconder: Tom McBride For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 2

10 Work wear - Ref: 2338

It was agreed not to proceed with this other than hi viz jackets

11 RBL Coffee Healing - Ref: 2339

Mike Stewart informed members of this activity.

12 Railway Station - Shelters / Extension to garden - Ref: 2340

East Midlands Railway has agreed to a grant of £670 to extend the gardens and provide a water harvesting system.

The Clerk confirmed that the existing shelters are to be replaced so work would be delayed until this had been completed.

13 Memorial bench purchase and location - Ref: 2341

Signature:



The Clerk suggested various memorial benches at a cost averaging around £600. Members felt that this was expensive and another bench was not necessary within the village. It was suggested that should a bench be sourced for a reasonable cost this matter could be re-considered.

14 Storage at Venue in the Village - Ref: 2342

One container was in place and the Conservation Officer had now done a U Turn on her approval so the second container had been delayed. The Clerk was going to arrange a site meeting with planning officers to discuss further.

15 Any other business - Ref: 2343

Letters of thanks were circulated from Cambridge Park Academy.

Mike Stewart reminded members of the event at Doddington Hall on 23/24 September.

16 Date of next meeting - Thursday 21st September 2023 - Ref: 2344

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signature: