COLNE IN BLOOM WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2016, 10.30 AM **COLNE TOWN HALL**

Present

Johnathan Drinkwater	Pat Hall	Annette Kilcoyne	Ann Walker
Sue Birchenough	John Hamer	Alice Mann	Susie Mann
Jenny Cadwallader	Sue Pollit	Alec Green	Louise Cooper

Min No **Action**

1. **Apologies**

Apologies received from Dorothy Lord, Janet Crabtree and Trevor Heagin.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. **Funding Bids for Areas for Improvement**

- Alice reported that the LEAF funding was not available for 'in bloom' groups.
- Pat reported that there is £500 available from the RHS for small projects.

4. **Summer 2016 Planting Decisions**

- · Alec has spoken to Peter and has agreed to keep the planting spends within a similar budget to last year's summer plant spend.
- Alec has spoken to Philip at Lanlee regarding the beds in front of the advertising boards. As the Leeds and Liverpool canal is celebrating 200 years it was thought appropriate to put something in place to represent the canal. Jenny has designed a timber barge that can be placed in the central bed. The group were allowed to install the raised beds on the conditions that anything planted our placed in the beds did not cover the advertisements in any way and that the advertising boards could be easily accessed so the changes could be made. It was agreed the replica barge could go in the central bed. Jenny and Alec will meet again with Philip at Lanlee to discuss the plans and sponsorship in further detail.

• The liners are still at Michael's allotment and need taking to Peters.

5. **Hanging Baskets**

- Jenny and Sue will visit businesses regarding hanging baskets for this year.
- Peter will put extra feed in the baskets along with water retention gel.
- The bracket outside Colourbank is still hanging. Dorothy was going to speak to Gouchy.
- Peter will also meet with Eric to discuss the plant food required when watering.

6. **Any Other Business**

• Ann asked if we were arranging something for the 'Clean for the Queen' weekend 4 to 6 March 2016. Alice reported the Waterside Action Group is meeting on Friday 4 March at the Sure Start Children's Club from 10 am. It was agreed to hold our event on Tuesday 1 March 2016, meeting at the railway station at 10 am. Pat will ask Naz to come along and take photographs so we can organise a press release. Please wear your tiaras!

• The Food Festival will be held on 26 March 2016. The details of prices for stalls are below. One 3m x 3m stall for one of the Festivals: £60

Two stalls for two of the Festivals: £110

PH

AG

JC

JC/SP

ALL

Three stalls for all three Festivals: £150

- Please follow the link to the Colne Town Council website: http://www.colnetowncouncil.org.uk/markets/food-festival-markets/
- Alice asked who owned the small piece of land adjacent to the Citadel. The Citadel would like to look after this land, annex it off and extend their garden. Cllr Lord or Cllr Clegg may know who owns the site.

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- Jenny is going to hold a coffee morning to raise funds for the costs of plants. The provisional date is Saturday 7 May 2016, 10 am to 1 pm. There will be a cake stall, plant stall and a jewellery and scarves tombola. If you have any unwanted jewellery or scarves then please let Jenny know.
- Louise will speak to Dorothy regarding the bag packing at Sainsbury's.

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7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Colne in Bloom meetings are held at Colne Town Hall and start at 10.30 am. The list of dates are as follows:

Wednesday 23 March 2016

Wednesday 20 April 2016

Wednesday 18 May 2016

Wednesday 8 June 2016

Wednesday 22 June 2016

Wednesday 6 July 2016

Wednesday 20 July 2016

Wednesday 27 July 2016

Wednesday 7 September 2016

Wednesday 12 October 2016

Wednesday 9 November 2016

Wednesday 7 December 2016