

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IN BLOOM COMMITTEE HELD WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER AT 11.30am AT ST JOHN'S CHAPEL.

PRESENT: Councillors: John Nelson

Chris Beal (Amber Valley Borough Council) Ann Pocklington (Well Dressing) Tim Truman (Amberol) Simon Black (Scouts), John Weaver and Diane Goldthorpe (Milford Gardening Group)
Rosalind Bullimore (Clerk)

001 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Trevor Griffin and Sheila Brincliffe

002 REVIEW OF THE 2010 ENTRY

Councillor Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting he congratulated the committee members for achieving a Gold Medal in the competition and thanked them for all their hard work and commitment. The committee agreed that now we have achieved a Gold Medal we don't want to lose it and agreed to start planning next years campaign **RESOLVED** Clerk to write a thank you letter to be delivered to all the residents and businesses on route who helped with the 2010 campaign.

003 PLANS FOR 2011

Following this year success Dave Fisher (Friends of Belper Parks) and local residents Jenny May and a lady on Chapel Street asked to join the committee. **RESOLVED** to add three new members to the committee.

Milford Gardening Group agreed to look into the possibility of a separate entry for Milford.

The committee suggested that Meadow Court Residents enter the Neighbourhoods Award section of the competition. The Scouts would be willing to help the elderly residents with any jobs that they find too much for them. **RESOLVED** Clerk to contact the warden to recommend they submit a separate entry in the 2011 competition.

Scouts to build a more permanent 'Welcome to Belper' planter to be sited in the Memorial Gardens.

Clerk to contact the County Council for permission to site a planter on the Flying Geese island.

The committee agreed that by adding a Belper in Bloom competition this would satisfy the judges comments "by widening the boundaries of the town centre and include a greater number of streets within the Bloom initiative".

A Belper Cultural Heritage scheme with red, orange and yellow vibrant flowers was agreed. Interpretation boards to be sited next to the flower beds explaining the designs.

The Council is currently in the process of adopting additional allotment space and is looking for additional allotment space.

Tim Truman agreed to provide 'grow your own' planters which can be sited in the Memorial Gardens. One planter will be placed at Milford for growing herbs which will be available for members of the public to pick and use.

The Clerk to seek permission from the County Council to install a 'Welcome to Belper' sign at the gateway from Milford to Belper on the A6. **RESOLVED** if permission is granted a trough will be planted up in front of the sign.