**CLAVERLEY IN BLOOM (CIB)**

Meeting Notes 8th September 2015

1. **Present:**  Rod Parr (Chair), Andy Crackle, Janet Ryan, Jacqui Cooper, Paul Pickerill, Brent Walker-Drew, Peter Barby
2. **Apologies:**
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

* Agreed

1. **Accounts**

* Account balance £3250.83 (excluding £118.47 ring fenced as contingency for the Aston Land bank shrub planting campaign & expenses cheques below)
* Cheques for expenses:
  + RP - £193.55 iro printing & stationary costs, plants for churchyard, hanging baskets for the Crown and Kings Arms, delegate fees for HEIB awards ceremony, materials for base of Aston Lane bench)
  + JC - £12.90 iro quiz tickets
* Donations:
  + £50.00 from M Farquharson.

1. **Matters Arising**

Britain in Bloom

* The judging tour on 8th August had gone extremely well. RP thanked committee members for their hard work in preparing for the tour and their contributions on the day itself.
* The meeting felt that additional signage should be installed on the planting troughs at each of the village entrance points to recognise Claverley’s status as a Britain in Bloom finalist. The PC should be asked to consider the proposal & provide funding.

**Action: RP – Approach PC as above**

Aston Lane Memorial Bench

* The bench had been finally fixed in place on 10th August. The meeting expressed thanks to Brian Ryan for assembling the bench and treating it.

Garden Competition

* The competition appeared to have been a success and would be repeated next year.

Summer Quiz 23rd September

* JC had issued tickets to the Plough and Post Office. Attendance would determine whether the event would be repeated in 2016

**Action: All – Supply raffle prizes**

1. **Forthcoming Events/Projects**

HEIB & Britain in Bloom Awards Ceremonies

* RP, LP & JC would be attending the HEIB ceremony on 10th September.
* 5 invitations had been issued to CIB for the Britain in Bloom awards ceremony on 16th October. RP, LP, JR, BR, PP & SP hoped to attend. RP would be asking the RHS for an additional ticket.

**Action: RP – Contact RHS to confirm names of attendees** **& request additional ticket**

Winter Planting Scheme

* Agreed that the scheme should consist of small shrubby material only. A large number of shrubs had been retained from last season although some had grown too large for re-planting in the troughs. This meant that additional material would have to be purchased. Installation to take place on Saturday 10th October starting in the Bull ring at 09.00hrs
* The meeting agreed that some of the larger specimens saved from the previous winter scheme could be used in the telephone box planting bed. The remainder could be sold off or donated.

**Action: All – Attend planting session on 10th Oct.**

Daffodil Planting

* RP reported that Gee Tee bulbs had agreed to supply 5,000 bulbs of the variety “February Gold” at £425 + VAT (same as 2015). The meeting agreed that RP could go ahead with the order.
* Bulbs to be planted in the churchyard (subject to agreement with Garry Ward), village entrance points and “gaps” in the existing Aston Lane bank scheme.
* Planting to take place on Saturday 2nd November @ 09.30 starting in churchyard.

**Action: RP – Order bulbs**

**RP/JC – prepare posters**

**RP – Consult GW re churchyard planting**

Autumns Tidy Up

* To focus on the village centre and tarried out at the same time as the installation of the winter planting scheme. If possible the village entrance points should be stimmed etc for the last time in the season.

Tree Planting

* PP had ordered some trees from the Woodland Trust free tree scheme and was awaiting confirmation of the allocation

1. **Campaign Issues**

2015/16 Campaign Focus

* The meeting agreed that CIB should continue to operate as usual during 2016. However given the likely disruption caused by building work in the village centre it may not be appropriate to enter the HEIB campaign. Taking a break from the “competition” would also allow CIB to concentrate more time and resources on project maintenance and development. A final decision on HEIB entry would be taken towards spring of next year.

CIB Committee Structure & Organisation

* RP informed the meeting that from 2016, after 10 years as CIB chair & secretary, he wished to relinquish some of his responsibilities. He would be happy to continue as chair provided that the burden of some of the secretarial work could be taken on board by other members of the committee.
* It was agreed that members should give the issue consideration pending discussion at a future meeting. In the meantime RP would identify the main secretarial roles and responsibilities and email details to members

**Action: RP – Email members as above**

Fundraising

* PP proposed that CIB should hold a fundraising concert in early 2016 (possibly February) featuring a performance by The Hype. The meeting agreed with the proposal in principle and would discuss further at the next committee meeting. In the meantime PP would explore suitable dates etc.

**Action: PP – As above**

1. **Halo Magazine**

October Entry

From

* Report of HEIB awards ceremony
* Daffodil bulb planting
* Winter planting scheme

**Action: RP – Prepare entry**

1. **AOB**

* None

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

* 3rd November (To be confirmed closer to the date)