

Village Enhancement Group

Wednesday 27th June 2012.

Present:-Peter Spearink, Joan Buller, Tom Burnham, Paul Kelly and Celia Davies.
Apologies from John Perry and Paul Butcher

Thanks to Paul for use of the Youth Club.

We welcomed Celia and expressed our thanks for joining the group.

Tubs. Much discussion of this topic. Comments on the Forum were fully taken account of. It was decided to leave the colour as it is for the time being but we did not rule out the possibility of trying another colour at some stage. The idea of murals was ruled out but it was agreed that we may approach the school to see if they would be interested in 'decorating' one of the tubs as an experiment.

We agreed to recommend to full council that a further 4 tubs be purchased in the near future. Exact locations to be decided. No further plans were discussed for any more but we would take into account any suggestions that may come from parishioners in the future.

Hanging baskets were ruled out as being unsustainable unless privately owned and cared for.

Salt Bins. As all members of the salt bin scheme were also members of VEG it was agreed to join the two. No adverse comments having been received we recommend to full council the purchase of a further 8 bins. These would be placed using the suggestions of Mr Buller which he kindly submitted last year and any from the public which we considered to be worthwhile.

Sponsorship. Mr. Rossi of Green World Garden Centre has expressed a desire to sponsor some form of planting or similar. We agreed to speak to him in more detail as to what he would be prepared to do. This would be at the southern end of the parish. He also offered to supply bulbs and seeds at a discount should we require them.

Bulb planting. It was agreed to undertake some bulb planting similar to that which used to exist along verges and over the bridge. Celia gave advice as to which sort of bulbs to use.

Wild seeding. Much discussion took place on this subject and quite a few good ideas resulted. We decided to concentrate on the Marden Road land which we may be obtaining. Bales of hay would be brought from Marden Meadow and spread on the grass along the tree line to ensure only locally viable seeds were used. Celia's knowledge was most useful here.

Wimpey Fields. Some discussion took place but it was decided that it was too early to make any concrete plans and to concentrate on more immediate work.

Surrenden Field. Ideas were floated as to how we could bring some colour and interest to this field without encroaching on it's current uses.

Parade. All agreed that the current planting was past it's sell by date and needed grubbing up and starting from scratch. Consultation with Wisprole was agreed at a later date.