

**NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE BURNTWOOD IN BLOOM COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE, QUEEN STREET, BURNTWOOD  
ON 09 NOVEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 10.40 A.M.**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Ms Brettell, Mrs Evans, Mrs Stokes and Mrs Tranter (in the Chair)  
G Brownridge and G Chamberlain, LDC DSO  
P Johnson, Burntwood Gardening Guild

**In attendance**

Mrs M Danby, Town Clerk/BiB and HEIB Co-ordinator

**7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

**8. MEETING NOTES**

**AGREED** That the Notes of a meeting of the Burntwood in Bloom Committee held on 22 June 2015 (Note Nos. 1-6) be received and noted.

**9. HEART OF ENGLAND IN BLOOM (HEIB) 2015**

Whilst pleased to achieve Silver Gilt for a third year running, Members were disheartened to read the HEIB Judges Report on the Town's entry in the Large Town category due to the negative comments made regarding areas in private owned areas of the town which were in a poor state of maintenance. The judges are made aware every year of those areas which are outside the Town Council's control but it was noted that Burntwood had consistently lost marks each year meaning that the Gold Award was becoming more difficult to attain.

**AGREED** That an entry not be made into the HEIB 2016 competition and that the HEIB organisers be advised of the reason why this decision had been taken. It was further agreed that this decision be revisited in October/November annually with regard to an entry being made in future years.

**10. BURNTWOOD IN BLOOM (BiB) 2016**

The following were **AGREED** with regard to the BiB 2016 competition:

- A budget of £5,000 be sought from the Town Council
- Publicity be sought via the LDC Communications Team
- The potential of creating a new category of, e.g. Best New Entrant be considered
- That entrants only be permitted to enter one category (rather than currently two categories) so that the prizes might be spread more fairly
- Judging to take place over week commencing 18 July 2016

- The current Judges' marking sheet be reviewed at the next meeting of the Committee

Mr Chamberlain asked the Committee to consider the plants which they would like to see planted in the hanging baskets, planters on the Bridge Cross Road traffic island during 2016, and asked that this information be sent to him via the Town Clerk by the end of November. Mr Chamberlain said that he would send the list of plants to be ordered by LDC to the Town Clerk for circulation to Committee members.

Members suggested that orange African marigolds and blue lobelia be planted on the Bridge Cross Road traffic island.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 04 January 2016 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at The Old Mining College Centre, Queen Street, Burntwood.

(The Meeting closed at 11.40 am)