

Minutes of the meeting of Horsforth in Bloom 1st July 2017 in Horsforth Museum

Present: Dawn Collins, Joan Relph, Hilary Taylor, David & Sandra Wallwork, Marie Edwards, Ray Ford, Paul Cattley, Penny Pinn.

Apologies: Peter Mallott, Kath Rolls, Kate van Heel

Handouts: Minutes of June meeting, Map of new route, Criteria and Judges' feedback on Spring Judging

Discussion of Judging Day

- Guests - Dawn made a list of people to invite. Lunch would be about 11.50 to 12.00
- New Route – Dawn had walked the route and had reservations about starting at St James with its weeds and graffiti, The group had been reminded not to take the judges near areas which might let us down, but after discussion the meeting decided that pointing out that this was an area in need of improvement. Setting Horsforth in Bloom a challenge should justify including it in the route.
- Station- Need to park on the side where the team had been working to avoid the other side of the line which is unsightly. The people in the houses nearby appreciated the work done by the team and helped in watering.
- The roundabout needed weeding. Dawn would contact Sue. The Queen's Arms looked good and it was suggested that people there and at the Station should be invited to be there to greet the judges.
- St Margaret's School and Ducklings – Ray would liaise.
- The Burial Ground's composting problem had not been solved and the judges having mentioned it in Spring would expect some progress. They had also queried the composting of leaves in the park but discussion satisfactorily answered all the questions about the methods used and the use of this compost.
- Hall Park- Jenny had been reminded about the need to check the state of the woodwork. The fountain would not be working. The dead tree in a very prominent position by the traffic lights was mentioned.
- Jeff's house was having investigations about cladding and only the front garden would be available.
- Allotments at Rose Terrace would need more chippings on the paths.

Judges Comment

- Re-cycling. The group expressed some bewilderment about the comment on re-cycling but came up with the following ideas::a) Real Junk Food lunches at St Margaret's Parish Centre and Horsforth Children's Centre. Eric who works at the Cancer shop on Town Street to be asked to come to the lunch and tell the judges about junk food. b) Sally at Live at Home could come and tell them about recycled goods used there.
- Lack of social media. Since the website is on Facebook and works well the judges must have missed this. It was suggested that Kath Rolls should be asked to bring her laptop and display it with the website on view.

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- Peter had sent a message about a planter on New Road Side. Dawn pointed out that the one in question belongs to the shop.
- Hilary to email Nick Lattimer about St James
- Organising Wednesday's work Plants can still be taken from the yard in Hall Park.
- Litter Pick on Sunday 9th from 2.00 to 4.00. Meet at Fink Hill. Dawn to come with a list of places to work.
- Walking the route the evening before the judging. Meet 6.00 pm at The Council Offices
- A Horsforth in Bloom Archive to be kept in the Museum.

Next Meeting August 5th at 10.00 in the Museum

Agenda

Review of the year particularly the judging
Plans for next year

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