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FRIENDS OF
DUNCHURCH
SOCIETY (FODS)

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DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM



BRITAIN IN BLOOM UK FINALIST 2020
with the RHS

ENEWSLETTER NO 41

Minutes of Gardening Group
Tuesday 18th February, 10.30am
The Dun Cow

Apologies from

Thelma McKerlie
Keith and Lynne Brushett
Jaine Thornton Weeks
John Mills

Tony welcomed 4 new gg volunteers - Claire, Margaret , Alison and Katrina.

Tony made an announcement that following representations from FODS, David Wilson Homes have agreed to delay starting the Dunchurch crossroads work until 1st September in order not to disrupt our planned major village events . The meeting acknowledged DWH consideration in this matter - Great News

An illustrated copy of FODS 2020 draft '*Planning for success A proposal to Keep Dunchurch Beautiful With Britain in Bloom National Final*' was distributed

Each section in the document was discussed by the meeting and the following are the stand out items.

Horticulture:

The meeting was happy with the plan

Community involvement:

Blooming barrows were discussed and it was suggested that FODS should identify suitable locations and invite local Residents / Business directly to have a **Blooming Barrow**.

We agreed this was a good idea - your suggestions for locations should be forwarded to Sue P.

The meeting was pleased to hear that our next issue of our village Magazine - issue 6 which should be delivered around March 1st is a bumper edition

of 44 pages and carries c£1100 of paid advertising , more than covering costs.

All were delighted that **Dunchurch band** will be available for at least one possibly both judging days. There is a concern that the broken Maypole may need to be replaced .This is in the hands of DPC.

Tony said he had some ideas about refixing the existing maypole even if only as a temporary measure to enable the maypole dancing on the two judging days there will be a need to re position the ribbon ring which should be possible.

We were all delighted to hear that **Dunchurch Voices** would attend both judging days.

The meetings thought the **St Peters bells should ring** on judging days.

Sue P reported that all is under control for the **75th VE anniversary tea party** at **Dunchurch Social Club** - Friday 8th of May 3- 5 pm .

Dancers have been booked to demonstrate jitterbug dancing and the **Dunchurch Voices** have also agreed to perform with a set of 1940s popular songs.

A buffet is planned with tea and cakes and something to celebrate 75 years of peace in Europe.

There will be no charge for our senior citizens.

St Peters Eco group was discussed. Tony reported that there have been several meetings to discuss how FODS might help with the management of their Wild Area.

He reported that we had been able to help following the expertise learnt in researching the planning of a controlled Eco/Bio Garden at the Library Garden.

Rugby Council kindly involved Scott Ballard, RBC Open Spaces Manager who has drawn up a plan for the churchyard Wild Area Rotation system. This will need to go before the COE commissioners for approval.

Dunchurch Boughton Schools have confirmed that they will be working with FODS and the children on the Judging days.

The meeting was delighted to know that **Jaine TW** has started work on her **2020 sculpture** featuring a group of 3 herons. This is to be displayed in the village this summer possibly on the memorial green.

The Herons will be made of recycled materials (old golf clubs and recycled ladies false nails have been mentioned)

Tony confirmed that our **FODS village hanging baskets scheme** will again be offered to village centre properties. We produced 70 last year; we are planning for 100 this year. The baskets will be supplied by a local nursery.

Environment

Tony explained that last year's judges thought we should have more involvement in this area.

To this end for 2020 FODS is planning a range of Eco/bio actions which include more bird boxes on our greens, planting berry bearing shrubs in our

public spaces. Make plans to plant trees in the village centre and possibly at the Village Hall and Arkwright Rec, St Peters churchyard and Dunchurch Schools.

Dunchurch school new Eco garden area (an outside Eco classroom) - FODS are working with the Broughton schools to lay out a new Controlled Wild life Garden FODS. Thanks to research carried out by Lynne Brushett a water saving programme is to be applied to all of our village planting 2020.

We discussed placing some insect hotels in the village centre and at our other Eco projects.

The meeting was asked to look for suitable sites for these to be placed.

Trees - Tony Hinde related how in a previous life in another village he had been part of a volunteer tree planting team who worked together to a planting plan and planted trees together. It was thought that this sounded like the template for any tree planting FODS may carry out.

New FOD, Katrina Green generously donated £150 in memory of her late husband and suggested this should be used as part of our FODS tree planting programme.

Infrastructure:

Lighting columns -We discussed the cleaning and possible painting of these. Keith P reminded the meeting that the DPC has given FODS permission to care for these in the village centre. There is a plan to replace some of the columns in the near future.

Glynis reported that she had researched on line the best way forward to improving the maintenance of the **village green telephone box**. Her conclusion is to leave it in the ownership of BT to ensure retention of a telephone land line in the village.

She now intends to prepare a schedule of work required to make our phone box fit to be on our Gold Award village green. She is reporting to Tony.

Public Spaces Maintenance

The meeting confirmed their commitment to do the necessary again in 2020. Gillian thought we could do more to advertise for FODS volunteers.

Tony agreed and suggested that we embark on a regular promotion aimed at potential volunteers.

This could include more Enews articles, Facebook postings and possibly posters

A new volunteers recruiting flyer has been prepared ready for publication but needs some photos and Graphics which Barb said she could find

The meeting ended with all committed to making Dunchurch a better place to live in, work in and visit

The meeting finished circa 12.30

Attendees: Keith and Sue P, Gillian O'Connell, Katrina Green, Glynis Rees, Paul Waller, Jeanne Townend, Karen Dent, Susan Kember, Sue Turner, Barbara Harris, Tony Kember, Sylvia and Tony Hinde, Alison Farmer, Claire Siddaway, Margaret Sedgley, Bobby and Daisy

Illustrated copies of Keep Dunchurch Beautiful are available from Village Green House reception.

We are grateful to Paul Waller for projecting photos and video film of FODS events 2019 throughout the meeting

Total attendees 18

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