

Reighton & Speeton In Bloom – Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting
Held Thursday 28th April 2016 Commencing at 8.10pm

Present: 22 residents of the two villages and Sheila Johnson from SBC

Apologies: Wendy Knapton, Sid & Janice Carter, Tim Marshall, Bill Basson, Lynne Wells

1. Minutes of the Last AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 23rd April 2015 were circulated. Proposed Ken Bradley, Seconded Neil Kempson; THAT these be accepted as a correct record. Carried by the floor.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

3. Chairman's Report

Lesley Paddock thanked everyone who had helped with planting/weeding/groundwork, the January litter-pick and all who had attended functions and donated to funds. She also thanked Sheila Johnson for her support and advice and for organising the Best Kept Garden competition.

Our flower-beds which were mainly planted with perennials were maturing well although spring weeding had been hampered by bad weather. The bulb-planting near the Church Hill chevron had not been a great success and would be supplemented at the end of the year. The St Helen's Lane pump area – featuring spring flowers and bulbs- was looking good.

Our next project would be to introduce plants and bulbs to the footpath entrance on Church Hill.

Lesley thanked the Secretary-Treasurer for the administrative work and all the helpers with the planting schemes.

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on another small surplus of £47.30 for the year. Our income of £262 consisted of £30 in donations; £62 from the BKG raffle; and £20 from a one-third share from the Xmas raffle, £100 from a Bingo Night and £50 from Craft fair proceeds. Expenditure consisted of £70 RHS insurance premium; £84.70 on plants and £60 spent on vouchers for the Beacon View residents. We had not applied for any grants in the last three years and the bank balance at year end stood at £621.94 CR.

5. Resolution to Change Group Name to Reighton in Bloom and Amend Constitution

The Chairman explained that at its inception the group followed the parish council in including Speeton in its remit. However, it had become increasingly clear that there was little enthusiasm for group activity in Speeton with only rare attendances at the AGM or other events and meetings by Speeton residents. The distance between the two villages was an impediment. Speeton Beacon View residents had been reluctant to accept vouchers to purchase plants to spend on their flower-bed out of grant monies made available by Yorkshire Coast Homes (YCH). It was noted that the Speeton Village Association had been re-established recently and that this group had been doing some fund-raising and there were indications that residents might be interested in using SVA as a forum for organising bloom-type activities.

Proposed: Ken Bradley Seconded: David Bradshaw: THAT The group change its name to "Reighton in Bloom" and that the constitution be amended so that all references to "the Parish of Reighton and Speeton" should refer to "the village of Reighton".

The resolution was carried NEM CON.

6. Resolution to Release Funds to Speeton Village Association

There was discussion about the splitting of the funds on the bank account and the officers indicated that, with the exception of the YCH grant monies, the funds all originated from fund-raising by Reighton residents. The Group had received grant monies for projects in both villages (e.g. Voice Your Choice) but these grants had been distributed in full with both villages receiving their full share.

Proposed: Ken Bradley Seconded Neil Kempson: THAT a cheque for £68.42 be sent to "Speeton Village Association" representing the remaining balance of the YCH grant of £150 made in 2011 for planting schemes at Beacon View.

The resolution was carried with ONE vote against.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected unopposed, having been proposed by Diane Lawton and seconded by Anne Hinchliffe:

Chairman: Lesley Paddock; Vice-Chairman: Neil Kempson; Secretary: P Riley; Treasurer: P Riley
Committee: Linda Wilson, Bill Basson, Lynne Wells, Pat Cross, Judy Triffit, Syd & Janice Carter, Rose Saltonstall,
Ken Bradley, Carole Ackerman, Bet Wright.

8. Best Kept Garden Competition

The Chairman noted that we had not held an Open Garden Competition in 2015 and suggested that we hold one in 2016 as one category together with the category for baskets, beds, pots, feature competition which we did last year. The rules would be similar to before with all Reighton residents being allowed to enter and to vote (but not for their own garden). Entries by end of June. As in previous years Sheila Johnson would be our judge and would organise our presentation at a relaxed and informal evening later in the year.

Sheila Johnson gave an outline of the “All Muck and Magic” scheme as a not too serious focus to encouraging gardening activities as well as giving details of the new Scarborough Gardeners Club.

9. A.O.B.

The Chairman gave dates and times and venues for weeding activity in May. We are creating a compost heap at the back of the bus shelter for our weed waste and if we run out of room David Bradshaw will allow us to make use of a patch of his land.

Roundabout Sponsorship: Sheila Johnson advised on the position regarding the Dotterel and Hunmanby Gap roundabouts and their grass-cutting arrangements which have in the past cropped up in the parish council agenda. The land belongs to NYCC who have in recent years assigned their maintenance and sponsorship to SBC. However, with effect from 1.4.2016, NYCC has taken back control and is awarding a contract for their future maintenance to a firm called Country Partnerships, who already manage NYCC roundabouts in Harrogate and York. It is not yet completely clear how the current grass-cutting and sponsorship arrangements will be affected and Sheila will let us know if she becomes aware of further developments.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Reighton In Bloom – Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting
Held Thursday 27th April 2017 Commencing at 8.15pm

Present: 20 residents

Apologies: Sheila Johnson (SBC), Ken Bradley, Carol Ackerman, Doreen Goodall, Tim Marshall,
Diana Lawton

1. Minutes of the Last AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 28th April 2016 were circulated. Proposed Judi Triffit, Seconded Bill Basson;
THAT these be accepted as a correct record. Carried.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

3. Chairman's Report

Lesley Paddock reported on a fairly uneventful year, spent keeping up with various well-established planting schemes, carrying out the occasional litter-pick and some bulb-planting.

Lesley was pleasantly surprised that we were still going strong several years after Carol Munro had set it up and then left. However, it seemed to organise itself without becoming a chore and not needing any great fund-raising effort.

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

In response to an earlier enquiry, the Secretary reported that our insurance would cover us if we wanted to do a beach clean-up and that Sheila Johnson would help if we wanted to hold one on one of the first two Saturdays

in May. Unfortunately the organisation behind the Big Beach Clean-Up a couple of years ago appeared to have wound itself up. It was agreed that there was insufficient interest to pursue the suggestion, but we may be interested in joining in with an event in the future if SBC or some other body wants to organise one.

The Treasurer reported that our income for the year was £187 (comprising a BKG raffle £40; Plant sale £72; Donation from Xmas Craft Fair £50; and donations from residents £25) and expenditure £238.72 (comprising RHS Insurance £70; plants and accessories £100.30 and £68.42 to Speeton Village Association). The deficit of £51.72 was due to the one-off payment to SVA. We still had a healthy credit balance at the Bank of £570.22.

5. Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected unopposed, having been proposed by Judi Triffit and seconded by Bill Basson:

Chairman: Lesley Paddock; Vice-Chairman: Neil Kempson; Secretary: P Riley; Treasurer: P Riley

Committee: Linda Wilson, Bill Basson, Lynne Wells, Pat Cross, Judy Triffit, Syd & Janice Carter, Rose Saltonstall, Ken Bradley, Carole Ackerman, Bet Wright.

6. Best Kept Garden Competition

The Chairman suggested that having held an open garden competition in 2016 we should limit ourselves to a "Pots, Tubs and Features" Competition in 2017 with a separate Tallest Sunflower competition. The judging would be in July and we fixed the Best Kept Garden Evening for Thursday 14th September 2017.

We would look at doing another full garden competition in 2018.

Lesley and Paul had visited Wykeham Trees to look at specimen trees to have planted at the top of Church Hill to commemorate Peter Dawson. There was already a Sentinel Crab Apple there and so we would look to buy an "Everest" Crab Apple to add to an extended bed, with the scheme incorporating a new bench and a beehive/bug accommodation. The cost of the tree would be £114 plus £36 delivery which was easily affordable.

9. A.O.B.

A Great Get Together Event to commemorate the late Jo Cox MP was briefly discussed (possibly involving a picnic on the Reighton Court Green). It was agreed that we might discuss the idea at the Friday coffee morning. However, the proximity of the Hog Roast and other events probably meant it would not be pursued this year.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.