

Reighton & Speeton In Bloom – Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting
Held Thursday 23rd April 2015 Commencing at 8pm

Present: 23 residents of the two villages and Sheila Johnson from SBC
(Apologies: Laura Grey, Doreen Goddall, Beth Wright, Rose Saltonstall, Speeton Village representatives)

1. Minutes of the Last AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 24th April 2014 were circulated. Proposed Mr Hinchliffe, Seconded Mr Bradley; 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/groundwork, litter-picking raffle prizes and donations and all who had attended functions

She also thanked Sheila Johnson for her support and advice and for organising the Best Kept Garden competition.

She noted that there remained strong interest in the group from Reighton residents after five years of operations.

The village was looking good with works during the year to revamp the Church Hill bed and spring planting around St Helen's Lane pump and some plants and bulbs around the chevron sign at Church Hill top.

There was a limit to how much more needed to be done, with the possibility of doing some planting at the entrance to the Church Hill footpath and in the hedge bottom.

Speeton:

The Chairman reported that interest had petered out after planting out the trough on Chapel Lane and the Beacon View bed over twelve months ago. There remained £128 in our bank account which was earmarked for Beacon View and she would liaise with residents to try to stimulate some activity, possibly issuing a Reighton Nurseries voucher to try to get the money spent.

The Chairman suggested that, faced with the current level of apathy from our neighbouring village, we might at some point consider passing an Extraordinary Resolution to change ourselves into Reighton In Bloom. In the event that Speeton Residents then want funds to maintain their roadside beds, they can apply for a parish council grant.

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on another small surplus of £27.90 for the year. Our income of £181 consisted of £50 in donations; £60 from the BKG raffle; and a one-third share from the Xmas raffle and Craft fair proceeds. Expenditure consisted of £70 RHS insurance premium; £68.10 on plants and £15 donation for hire of the village hall. We had not applied for any grants in the last two years and the bank balance at year end stood at £574.64 CR.

5. Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected, having been proposed by Stephen Hinchliffe and seconded by Ken Bradley:

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, Michele Cosier-Randall, Beth Wright.

6. Best Kept Garden Competition

The Chairman noted that in 2014 some residents entering the tubs and pots category felt a bit left out as the Presentation evening focussed on the Open Garden category. She noted that it was a little difficult to keep the competition feeling fresh as it involved the same gardens as the previous year. Accordingly, she proposed that we just judge pots and tubs and small garden features in 2015.

Sunflowers: we would have another competition this year (hopefully with some special varieties) and also plant some in the bed at the top of Church Hill.

7. Sheila Johnson

Sheila invited everybody to an event organised by SBC for voluntary groups at Scalby Community Hall on 30th April 2015 (Lesley Paddock and Paul Riley arranged to attend). She again kindly offered to liaise with our Chairman to organise our BKG evening. All the villages in the village would be receiving a visit from a “mystery visitor” and the awards ceremony at Scarborough Spa had been fixed for 30th September.

8. A.O.B

The Chairman reported on a nuisance child picking the flowers from our bed whilst waiting for the bus in the company of its mother. She had challenged this behaviour and established that said child belonged to a school gardening club. She would provide some seedlings for the child to grow on and possibly plant out in the village hall beds (we live in hope).

Reighton Telephone Kiosk: The Secretary would contact the BT Contractor to put our kiosk on the list for painting and general maintenance.

Village BBQ: The secretary would convene a meeting of the Village Hall Committee with a view to a social event in the village hall grounds on a summer evening with a view to raising funds to be split between Bloom/Village Hall/Church.

The meeting was reminded that the village has a web address – reighton.wordpress.com – which can be updated with news. Please contact Stephen Hinchliffe for details.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.