

Meeting in The Amory Centre, 3 June 2026 at 2.30 pm

Present: Sue Harrison, Jane Lucas, Marcus Alexander, Marie Lodge (Carol Grice via WhatsApp).

Apologies: David Worden, Sheila Farrant, Andy Brookes, Miki King.

Minutes of the last meeting read and agreed. Proposed by Jane.
Seconded by Marie.

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We have all done an amazing job and it makes such a difference with the council fully supporting us too.

All the East Street beds and the Roman Catholic Church are now done but just need watering in dry spells. Anita will care for the church and Halo will cover the end bed for the last two weeks of June. That does leave the other two beds but hopefully the council bowser will be up and running by then.

The New Road bed is going to have some extra edging plants after I have been to Ashmoor tomorrow.

The Baptist and Methodist Churches are working on their areas and we have donated plants to each.

The Amory looks good except the pots that Vonn has done are not red and white but look good ..do you think we should leave or change the colour? We agreed to leave the colour.

Marie has done two pots in front of Day Lewis and the hospital beds and they all look fab. Tina and Noah are definitely doing their hospital bed.

We have now finished the Enhancement and it looks brill and the banner is up again and the council paid for the replacement.

Church Steps will need some bark to replace those red chips that Clair put down but it is starting to look brilliant.

The stump thanks to Carol is starting to bloom well !! and the North Rd circles are in full bloom thanks to Marcus.

The Memorial despite loads of weeding still needs more plants and bark and the planters need sorting although the red lupins we bought from Thompson and Morgan are coming up but one RBL planter was crashed into by a car and destroyed according to Mens Shed. We agreed to pay £110 for a replacement.

Sheep Pen is looking good thanks to Jane Marie and I have sorted Sainsburys and it's looking fab.

Livarot Walk is looking amazing thanks to Miki and we have bought loads of new plants this year and she has been donated lots of trees.

I am managing the Gateway Path and it is looking good apart from the grass now desperately needs doing and I am going to surround the trees like Miki has done at Livarot. The planters at the end are looking good.

Jack is still planning to do a vegetable bed up Elysian Court but has been on holiday.

The rose bed at the back of the Medical Centre is slowly taking shape. Sadly both the wild flower beds sown this year on Church Steps and behind the Medical Centre are not taking well. Carol has asked the WI for 3 more bags.

Tonia is doing an incredible job on the entrance to the park including mending the fence with Steve but then the kids wrecked it again. We have planted rambling roses there to try and stop the kids jumping on our beds. Carol to sprinkle some more wild flower seeds.

Jim and Hilda from Mill on the Mole are doing the bus stop at Poltimore Road and we have given them the plants but sadly the planters are broken so Jim is going to build some out of pallets which Adam is providing and Steve is delivering.

Marcus is cracking on with the website and it is looking good.

The garden competition has not taken off but to be honest I have not had time to push it..I will try next week.

The window competition is fine and all the usual people are entering and tying it in with the week beginning 13th July for judging and the bike race.

The NFU are entering the competition this year.

At the beginning of July we need to start getting the school displays up in the Market and do the display boards and we also need to do the knitting displays nearer the judging date.

Bridget our art expert..she has asked if we still have all the flowers she made from recycled materials at Sheilas as if so we can use them for a display and if anyone is willing we could repaint them all red and white ? Carol said she could help out painting the flowers.

Bridget is focusing on the Halo window and if she has anything left over she will give to us but she needs loo rolls!!! Carol has supplied her with a carrier bag full.

Re sponsorship .. nothing from Quince but a few others are now thinking about it following my FB request and so far this year we have received from:

SMTc ENGIE THE WELCOME FRYER THE CHEESE LARDER
CENTRAL PARK
GARAGE NFU YAS CASH COLLECTION ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCH HOME
INSTEAD EVERITT EMBROIDERY
We have received £150 from the RC Church.

plus Mr Hoare has now given us another £50 cash plus we have £2.25 in the cash pot from last year..Before I pay that in, i need to discuss the judging day with you ... we have to provide lunch for the judge and get the group together as part of the day. So here are my thoughts, we could have it in my gazebo and I am happy to prepare all the food etc .. are you happy for me to use that £52.25 towards the food and you all bring your own drinks? It was agreed by all to use this money. Last time we had it in The George and took our own food along for a buffet in the morning but I think we need that time to check the time. If we have it in The Assembly Rooms or the Amory ..again we need time in the morning to set it all up and the judge is coming at 10 but at home it would be easier.

Judging Day .. he is arriving at 10am but says the route can only be 2 ½ hours long and says we need half an hour at the beginning to talk ..that isn't going to be long enough, so I am going to discuss with him. Lunch

will be at 1.30/2pm at mine. Sue will speak to the Judge to see if he would like an overnight stay? He says no thank you. Marie to do the driving.

10 am start. Gateway, Baptist Church, Sainsbury's, memorial, Liverot Walk, hospital beds, Methodist Church, home for a cuppa. Walk into town, New Road, other roads on the way, Gateway, lunch. 2 1/2 hours in total.

Do Portfolio of 30 pages, organise the Press and ensure website done. We have heard nothing more from Chittlehampton.

Nothing yet from One Stop.

Mole Valley will probably not donate money but will give us something else.

Peter Bishop has agreed to paint the wall behind the New Rd beds

Carol ..can we discuss the area opp Mkt vets. We agreed to leave this for the time being.

Jane and Sue to speak to the schools.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance £1088.19

Cash £52.25.

End of meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday 30 June 2026 at 2.30 pm at Sue's