

CLIFF FIELD GARDENS & SEATON IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MINUTES

8th January 2008

- PRESENT:** Cllr M Greenyer (chairman)
Cllrs Garner, Jones, Knight, Meakin, Palacio
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Meakin
- APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Collins, Semple (holiday)

488/07 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted

489/07 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 30th October 2007 were approved and signed by the chairman.

490/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Meakin declared that he was not a member of the committee and as he had a personal interest in all matters relating to Cliff Field Gardens, he would not speak on any relating to those Gardens;
Cllr Knight, as a district councillor, declared an interest in any matters affecting the district council.

491/07 **TO NOTE TENDERS RECEIVED FOR THE CLIFF FIELD GARDENS ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT, AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR 2008/9**

It was Resolved to award the 2008/9 maintenance contract to Gardencare in the sum of £9,127 + VAT.

Maintenance of the labyrinth was excluded from the maintenance contract. However, as the 3-year arrangement for maintenance between the council and the Spiral Group was coming to an end, the Clerk was requested to seek a quotation from Gardencare for future maintenance.

492/07 **TO NOTE SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM PROGRAMME FOR 2008**

Noted. It was agreed that 2 places should be reserved for the Spring Seminar on 7th February 2008 at Taunton, and that Craig Nation, the Handyman, should be invited to attend with Cllr Palacio.

493/07 TO NOTE THAT VEOLIA IS WITHDRAWING THEIR GREEN WASTE FACILITY AND TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE CONTRACT

The Clerk advised that Veolia was no longer collecting green waste. It was agreed that initially the Clerk should obtain clarification on whether the council was obliged to have a green waste contract. If so, enquiries were to be made for an alternative supplier.

494/07 TO NOTE REPORT ON MEETING WITH CONTRACTOR AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Report noted, and recommendations agreed.

495/07 TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN BRITAIN IN BLOOM/RHS CAMPAIGN SURVEY

It was agreed that Cllr Knight and the Clerk would complete the survey on behalf of the council.

496/07 TO NOTE JUDGES 2007 SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM FEEDBACK

Judges feedback was noted. The Clerk was requested to forward a copy to Kate Tobin.

497/07 TO CONSIDER PLANTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUMMER 2008

The budget for summer planting needed to be included and to date no progress had been made. The Clerk advised that Derek Hurford had withdrawn his quotation for summer planting but had subsequently indicated that he might be willing to continue for another year. The company in Honiton that Cllr Knight had suggested for this work were not suitable; the Garden Shop in Colyton declined the contract but would be willing to help with “top-up” if required, as they had for the previous year. Cllr Greenyer advised that he had not met with Steve Boyce to enable him to submit a quotation but undertook to do so as a matter of urgency.

These Minutes confirmed thisday of2008

Presiding chairman