

FILTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

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Minutes: Saturday 14 March 2020

1. **Attendees:** Jackie Burton, Beryl Brand, Brian Smith, Pat Smith, Susan Isherwood, Peter Sellek, Mike Waines, Dave Mikkelson, Sylvia Mikkelson, Annemarie Gäbler,
2. **Apologies:** Darryl Collins, Andy Robinson, Janet Hillier, Helen Johnson, Betty Eelsden.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting 8/02/2020** were approved
4. **Matters arising not on the Agenda**
5. **Typo,** The Minutes for the February meeting should be amended, Item 3 Minutes of previous meeting should be 11/01/2020 not 11/10/2020
6. **Filton Town Council's Proposal for Councillors on the Community Garden Committee.**
FTC Website now updated.
7. **Mural**
No update, the weather is improving so we may see some action shortly. Dave will ask if the colours can be made stronger.
8. **Mulberry Tree**
Dave has advised the lady who offered the tree to the garden that it would not be suitable, she thanked us for considering it.
9. **IYN Award certificate** - Helen is still chasing up the whereabouts of the certificate with SW in Bloom. However her brother in law Robin has produced a certificate for us using last years as a template
10. **Risk Assessment**
Dave distributed the updated risk assessment. Mike will look to see if any of the medical supplies need replenishing.
11. **Grow Social and Asda related Initiative on Mental Health and Dementia.**
It was decided to leave Grow Social until the next meeting so that Helen could explain. Dave advised that Asda were setting up workshops on combatting mental health issues and Dementia. Dave has offered to join the group to see if we can help in any way.

12. Community Garden Fete

All the arrangements have now been made, Dave has confirmed Peter the tractor drivers attendance and also Marie Curie Charity. Marie Curie we're delighted to be

asked and will be doing face painting. Asda will fund the Punch and Judy and also the cake ingredients. In view of the coronavirus the fete may have to be cancelled this year, we will have to wait to see what develops in the coming months.

14 Funding.

We will be entered in the Asda Green token scheme in May

15. Trees

Mark and Michael did a really good job in removing the dead Elm trees from the rear of the rockery, there was scope for doing some real damage given their location. They did a really professional job with minimal damage, the Committee gave their thanks. The 4 Silver Birch trees will be removed when the daffodils go over. There may be scope to plant 3 or 4 trees, Dave will see where we can source some well established trees. Asda may provide funding.

16. # 30 WILDLIFE HOMES.

Dave met with Scott Stevens who explained that he was setting up a trail of 30 gardens which the Community Garden would be part of. He is going to supply a hedgehog box and a bird box designed as a speed camera. Scott runs a building firm and said he may be able to help us out in the future.

17. Contact with Filton Town Council

Dave advised that in future we are not permitted to ask the groundsmen for any help, all requests were to be made through the Town Clerk. Dave explained why this had come about arising from a personal dispute with the Town Clerk. Members felt this was petty, childish and lacked professionalism.

18. Fencing

The fencing behind the rockery has become an issue again following the strong winds. Dave explained that it was difficult to mend the fencing as the concrete posts were not erected properly and were leaning. Dave suggested that we cut our losses and put up chain link fencing subject to Betty approving. Before doing so we would inform FTC as it is their fencing or the rental house which backs onto the rockery.

19. A.O.B.

Mike congratulated those responsible for planting the roundabout.

Dave advised the proposed changes to the Management of the Leisure Centre were on FTC website.

Beryl suggested that we put up the poppies on the fence for the VE celebrations, this was agreed.

Peter asked if there was anything we could do about the state of the path, tennis court entrance. Dave said he would have a look at it again but drainage is always the issue. Scott Stephens may be able to help.

Filton Chest and Heart function on April 6, 10am to 12 am, £1 entrance fee.

Peter asked if we could get some funding for a feature or structure in the garden, agreed it would be a good addition.

Thanks to Pat Mullen for the excellent Twinning bed.

Summer planting, it was agreed that this would take place on 19/20 May. The beds should be fertilised initially. Pat will design and purchase the plants.

MUGA. The group were really upset about the plans for the MUGA and FTC failure to consider the Community Gardens needs when applying for the funding. Dave and Helen will be seeing the Town Clerk on the Monday following the meeting. Mandate given to Dave that we will advise the Council that we will face the Council head on and fight for the the future of the garden. The general opinion was if The MUGA proceeds with the walls being taken down the then the Community Garden project will end.

Date of Next Meeting 11 April 2020 (subject to Coronavirus situation)