

FILTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

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Minutes: Saturday 12 October 2019

1. **Attendees:** Dave Mikkelson, Janet Hillier, Jackie Burton, Beryl Brand, Sylvia Mikkelson, Brian Smith, Pat Smith, Annemarie Gäbler, Susan Isherwood, Betty Eelsden, Helen Johnson
2. **Apologies:** Peter Sellek, Darryl Collins, Mike Waines
3. **Minutes of previous meeting 14/09/2019** were approved
4. **Matters arising not on the Agenda**
 - **Graffiti** - Although advised, FTC have still not dealt with the graffiti on the tennis court walls.
 - **Armistice day** - Bill Knight will be asked to do the oath and James from Filton Brass Band to provide a cornet player. We will put the poppies up on the fence on Saturday 2 November from 10am.
 - **Tree to replace birches in Dentist corner** - DM circulated photos of some trees as ideas to choose from: laburnum, sweet chestnut, copper beech, rowan and weeping willow. If anyone would like to suggest other trees please bring to next meeting/s. We expect planting to be later in Spring 2020.
 - **Meet up in the garden** - Helen is no longer able to lead on this however other volunteers will continue with meet ups as they can.
 - **Saplings** - Helen cancelled for September, to resume in Spring with suggested help of parents. Arrangements to be revisited next year.
 - **Wellbeing** - Dr Khan of Conygre surgery is interested in doing something with the garden and has been left with her to get back to us.

5. **Filton Town Council's Proposal for Councillors on the Community Garden Committee.**

DM has talked to FTC Clerk and it appears Councillors' involvement with the garden is likely to be casual. We will see if any of them turn up at the AGM and continue with Darryl and Anne as committee members.

6. Mural

SGS College have given price of materials needed as £450. DM has put in a bid with Community Engagement for £250 towards costs. If that fails will approach Cllr. Chris Wood.

Pat asked if Patchway Supplies had been contacted?

Susan asked if materials included a coating that allows graffiti to be removed but DM advised that it is too expensive.

- On Mon 14 October SGS college will put the base coat on and will be storing paints in council garages.
- On 6 Nov at 3pm at the Pavilion SGS Lecturers will present to us their proposed design/s
- On 11 Nov they will start painting the mural working on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 - 2pm.

7. Spring Planting

- Tuesday 15 October Pat will get plants in morning from St Aldams Nursery.
- Week commencing 14 October the plants need to be cleared out as and when weather permits. Pat will deal with the dahlias and also keep the geraniums to pot up for next year and forget me nots.
- Planting out on Tuesday 22 October from 10am unless otherwise advised.

Betty has already planted 30 foxgloves in the fern beds which will be a variety of colours and has some more to do.

8. Garden Fete proposed Date 28 June 2020

DM suggested Sunday 28 June as date for next year's fete which avoids Charborough Rd School fete. All agreed. Brian has received a £10 Farmfoods voucher too late for our 2019 fete raffle. It will be cashed in and spent on plants. DM will book Punch and Judy.

9. Composting and Leaf Clearing

DM has sorted out the compost bins which was a massive job. Moving the middle bin contents to the left hand bin so now ready as follows:

- The left hand bin will be allowed to compost down until October 2020.
- The middle bin is now empty and can be used for new garden waste.
- The right hand bin with last year's leaf mould DM will spread on the long border and beech bed unless anyone comes forward with requests for other areas and when empty the bin can receive this year's leaves.

Leaves already need clearing and this job will be ongoing for the next month or so for volunteers to do as and when they can. Rakes are behind the box. DM will get some more leaf grabbers. The leaf blower is in the garage for anyone to use and DM also advised using the large white bags for ease to collect and drag to the

compost bin. Sticks and branches should not be put in compost bins. Dave has put compost on Annemarie and Susan's bed.

Helen suggested a community weekend session but this was not thought not necessary.

10. Work to do in the Garden

Deadheading, weeding, planting out as above.

The grass needs another cut before winter DM to organise

Cut down the wildflower bed - DM to organise

11. A.O.B

- Suggested new equipment to purchase: secateurs, trowels, a new storage box for smaller items.
- Sadly we have heard that Denise James, IYN organiser, who was so helpful and welcoming on our visits to the awards ceremonies has died after a short illness.
- As part of 'greening Filton' DM will be planting 2000 daffodils on Filton roundabout on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 November (11 am - 2 pm each day). Adult helpers welcome. The South Glos Highways Manager is going to help out with planting, arrange for bushes to be cut back beforehand and will delay the grass cutting on the roundabout in the Spring. High viz jackets will be needed - Helen will bring the larger Saplings jackets to the next meeting.
- Lockleaze Community centre would like us to talk to them about how Filton Community Garden was set up. Brian Smith is in touch with the Lockleaze contact and will organise a date for himself and DM to visit.

Date of Next Meeting and AGM 9 November 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 Oct	SGS College base painting
14 Oct	Start clearing Concorde beds
16 Oct	Pat purchase bedding plants
22 Oct at 10 am	Plant out Concorde beds
2 Nov at 10 am	Poppies on fence

6 Nov at 3 pm	SGS Mural design presentation in the DD Pavilion
9 Nov at 10 am	Garden meeting and AGM
9 Nov	Chest and Heart skittles supper
11 Nov	Armistice Day ceremony
11 Nov and ongoing Mondays and Tuesdays	SGS College mural painting 10 am - 2 pm
15 & 16 Nov -11 am - 2 pm	Daffodil planting on Filton roundabout
28 June 2020	Garden Fete