

# **Make Our Whitchurch Special (MOWS) Working Group Charter**

## **MOWS' objectives**

- To tidy the general appearance of the High Street and other areas of the village to make selected areas attractive to passers-by and residents
- If we are successful in meeting these objectives this may provide the basis for entering Whitchurch in the Britain in Bloom competition in future years.

## **Membership**

- Leslie Maynerd – Chair
- As of the first meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016, membership included: Sally Howard, Lissie Steward, Anthea Dolby, Peter Hawley, Ray (landlord of The Greyhound pub) and Stan Remington
- Jon Steward – PC representative.

Meetings are to be held approximately every 6 weeks, or as required.

## **Approach**

- The group will plan areas of the village to be improved, make recommendations to the PC for approval and, once budget is approved by the PC, implement the changes with volunteers from the community or contractors as agreed
- MOWS will also maintain the areas that are improved or discuss with the PC if professional contractors are required to maintain the improvements.

## **Budget and purchasing**

- The Parish Council (PC) agrees to provide £500 per year for MOWS' activities. If initiatives require more than this amount, MOWS will present plans and budget estimates for approval on a case-by-case basis.
- Purchases will not be made until plans have been presented to the PC and approval obtained, including the required budget.
- One-off, substantial purchases (materials, landscaping e.g.) will be made by the Clerk following MOWS' recommendations. Smaller purchases (plants, e.g.) can be made by Leslie Maynerd within the limits of the annual funding provided by the Parish Council. All receipts will be kept & presented to the Clerk before reimbursement can be made.

## **First- year goals (until end of 2016)**

- Keep on top of weed control along the High Street verges and other areas of the village which are untidy
- Clear and plant the right-hand bed to the road entrance to the church
  - This will require some planning and it would be a good idea to have a professional plan if it is not too costly.

- It may also be a good idea to have this area landscaped if this is not too costly. Otherwise a team should be gathered together to clear the area.
- Make paths and beds ready for planting.
- If time permits, do some planting in the bed to the left after the toll bridge
- MOWS will also act as a community consultant to encourage landscaping work planned by The Greyhound pub.

**Second year goals (until end of 2017)**

- Continue with initiatives not fully completed in 2016
- Maintain and prune areas started in 2016 as required
- Landscape the area to the left of the church entrance road.

Future areas of focus could include:

- The area with the bench on the corner of the High Street and Hardwick Road that needs to be landscaped.