

## Parish Plan Update -

### Pride in Our Village Day

Following discussions at the last PC meeting about actions in the Parish Plan regarding

- holding a Community Litter Pick/Pride in our Village Day
- planting spring bulbs on the village green area known as the “Rec”
- support available from the various Neighbourhood Teams at DCC and Partner Organisations

### Bulb Planting

I can now advise that following consultation with the Green Group, St Mary’s Church and DCC the proposed date of **Saturday 7 October** has now been agreed for the Pride in Our Village Day. This will link in with the bulb planting event already arranged by St Mary’s Church Yard.

DCC Civic Pride Team will arrange for turf to be lifted on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October ( and replaced loosely) prior to bulb planting on the 7<sup>th</sup>. ( St Mary’s will be planting on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>).

Civic Pride have advised that bulbs such as Crocus and /or Miniature/Dwarf Daffs should be planted because they are hardier and don’t look messy when they die off. They estimate that 1000 bulbs are needed for a 2sq mt area. i.e plant densely for a better show.

In consultation with St Mary’s, a suitable competitive supplier of large quantities of appropriate bulbs, that can be delivered well in time for 7<sup>th</sup>, has been identified on line.

Civic Pride Officers suggested applying to our 2 ward councillors for a grant from their Members Initiative Funds towards costs. On contacting Cllr Kellett he has approved a £100 contribution. Cllr Hall has authorised a £200 grant.

#### Cost of Bulbs:

Crocus ( Mixed Item ID:CROMIX#1000)	Per 1000 pack	If 5 Packs Ordered
Exc VAT	£54.16	£52.58
Inc VAT	£64.99	£63.09
Narcissue Tete A Tete Dwarf (Item ID:NARTET#1000)		
Exc VAT	£56.66	£54.99

Inc VAT	£67.99	£65.99
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It is therefore proposed to purchase 5 X 1000 of each i.e 10,000 bulbs to plant in areas totalling 20sq meters along the edges of the village green that border the main road through the village ( In front of the trees).

The total cost of this proposal will be £645.40 including VAT. Excluding VAT the cost is £537.84. After grant of £300, the net cost to the Parish Council will be £237.84.

**The Parish Council is asked to approve the purchase of 10,000 Bulbs from Gardener's Dreams at a gross cost of £645.40.**

The net cost to the council can be funded from general reserves.

### **Community Litter Pick**

The Head Teacher of the Primary School has agreed to participate in a children's litter pick with school children on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Therefore proposed to have separate children and adult litter pick(S).  
DCC have advised routes should be no longer than an hour. Proposed routes/areas to be determined in consultation with the Green Group/DCC nearer to the day.

Propose to use Jubilee Hall as start and finish point for collection /drop off of equipment.

Event to be promoted at Village Show and residents encouraged to "sign up" for the pick.

### **Neighbourhood Event**

The Jubilee Hall has been provisionally booked 11am – 5pm. So far a commitment to attend or support the event has been given by:

The Civic Pride Team  
Housing Solutions Team  
GRT Site Management Service ( Traveller Site Management)  
Pest Control Team – unable to attend but information leaflets to be provided  
Durham Constabulary Cohesion Officer/Neighbourhood Police Team Rep

It is hoped to also have representation from the Neighbourhood Warden/Anti Social Behaviour Team but awaiting confirmation.

Representatives will set up a display outlining what they do, have leaflets to give out, answer any queries or concerns from residents etc.

Also propose to ask residents where they think more litter bins or dog bins are needed across the parish..

**The Parish Council is asked to:**

1. Approve the booking of Jubilee Hall – **estimated cost £60**
2. Approve the provision of refreshments in the Jubilee Hall – ( teas,coffee, juice, cakes, biscuits etc – estimated cost **£50**
3. Approve a budget for publicity material (Flyers/Posters) .Estimated **£100**
4. Note the timescales for the whole day as summarised below:
  - Neighbourhood Teams Drop in Session – Jubilee Hall 11-5
  - Bulb Planting – St Mary’s Church Yard 10-12 (Cuppa and Cakes available in St Mary’s )
  - Community Litter Pick(s) 12-1pm
  - Bulb Planting Village Green 2-4pm
5. Offer support by means of participation/promotion and encouraging others to volunteer

Cllr Wallage  
15 September