

Notes of MBF High St Meeting 3rd July 2019

Present

Chris Lilly, Gill Marengi, Hannah Mold, Ian Bruce, Jeanette Hore, Mike Marengi, Roger Stone, Véronique Stone

Apologies

Abby Lafferty, Ian Parker, Jerry Watkiss, Jo Eates, Karenna Wilford, Mark Curtis, Michael Wilford, Sally-Ann Tibbles

Notes

With the **Parish in Bloom** judging the following day, we started with a quick check of whether there were any last minute actions that still needed doing. Roger agreed to contact Simon Heaton to see if he was available to take a video and photos of the village on the day, and especially of the judges being driven in a florally-decorated tuk-tuk.

Chris Lilly, the rest of the organising committee, the shop owners and all those who had produced such wonderful displays were congratulated by the meeting.

Everyone was delighted now that the Post Office was open and wished Jo and Sam every success. It was very early days and more people will get (back) into the habit of coming to the village to use it over time.

On the question of the **Mayfield and Five Ashes 2020 Calendar** it was confirmed that this should be available by October. This would allow much more time for selling it than in previous years. So hopefully copies be available for those who liked to buy early.

MAYFACS will be producing **Christmas cards**.

The presence of a **new blue car parking sign** from the High Street to South Street Car Park was noticed and welcomed. Chris Lilly also informed us that Wealden was looking at the idea of decriminalising parking offences. This could allow civil authorities to enforce parking restrictions.

The **telephone kiosk** opposite the Rose & Crown was in the process of being fitted out ready for tourist information. A second one was due to be installed in the High Street in September.

These would make it worthwhile to print / reprint some **leaflets on the High St, local attractions, amenities and walks**. It was also suggested that a local leaflet drop could be organised since many local residents did not know what was on offer.

We should also try to have Mayfield listed as a historic village on the Wealden Do website.

In order to attract more tourists, it was suggested that maybe **guided historical tours of Mayfield** could be arranged and advertised. The WI used to organise these years ago. Jo Compton (Wateryard Group) and Richard Tupper (MLHS) will be contacted for their views.

As for **future events**, Hannah announced that Gabriel Interiors was planning a trunk show – details to be confirmed.

The next MBF meeting would take the form of informal networking on Wednesday 7th August. A possibility for the September meeting (Wed 4th) was a discussion on supporting rural business. Nus Ghani, MP, had expressed interest in coming to another meeting and it would be a very good topic to debate when she was present. However, we shall have to see when she is available.