

**Minutes of the In Bloom Working Group held on Monday 7 September 2026
6.30pm at Laneshaw Bridge Primary School, Emmott Lane, Laneshaw Bridge.**

Present: Cllr White (Chair), Cllr Hustwit, Cllr Bucknell, Cllr Halstead, Cllr Davies

Also Present: Marian, Christine, Diane, Graham Meloy, Village Co-Ordinator

No.	Agenda Item
1.	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Cllr White welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>To receive and record apologies for absence.</p> <p>Cllr Meachin</p> <p>RESOLVED to accept the above apologies.</p>
3.	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declaration of disclosable pecuniary or other interests in respect of items on this agenda.</p> <p>None.</p>
4.	<p>In Bloom Activities</p> <p>To receive updates on the following:</p> <p>Outstanding Maintenance Tasks</p> <p>No meeting of the Working Group was held last month, so members reviewed the outstanding tasks.</p> <p>Planter: the Lengthsman's price for the planter has been approved and members are waiting for the work to be carried out.</p> <p>Kinseley Road planter area: the planter does not need emptying, as it contains a number of good rose trees, but they need cutting back and the lavender round the sides needs attention. The grass is very long, and the wooden sides at the bottom of the planter need checking to make sure they are sturdy enough. The noticeboard is to move onto the rec, where there is better footfall from people going to school. Roses can be lightly pruned now and cut back hard in early March, so the work needs doing twice.</p> <p>ACTION: Lengthsman to prune the rose trees lightly now and heavily in early March, to trim the grass and to check the planter sides.</p> <p>Bushes in the village: several are getting out of hand, including one in the park near a resident's house. Members agreed that some can be tackled by volunteers but not all.</p> <p>ACTION: members and the Lengthsman to meet to agree which bushes members can cut and which the Lengthsman will do.</p> <p>Bus shelter designs: members discussed the three designs. It was agreed that one design be used on the new shelter first, so the Council can see how it looks before considering the others, rather than showing all three on one shelter. Members had originally envisaged wrapping the whole shelter so the design ran all round, except the windows. As passengers must still be able to see a bus coming, the realistic option is to wrap the back, inside and out, and the bottom of the side panel inside and outside. A sticker treatment was felt to be better than nothing, and the designs from the school are of good quality and suit the village. The spare designs have been kept. Members queried whether the shelter is still the Council's, considered that it is, and agreed to proceed in any case.</p> <p>RESOLVED to proceed with the winning design, which is the one in the centre of the</p>

	<p>mockup, on the new shelter first.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to clarify the measurements, as the mockups may have been based on the old shelter, and confirm how the design will fit the new shelter.</p> <p>Next Village Action Day</p> <p>Members agreed that the next village clean up is better held in spring, before planting starts, to prepare the ground. A date was not set.</p> <p>Winter bedding plants for the tubs on the wall are not needed yet. They will be required in about a month to six weeks.</p> <p>ACTION: Lengthsman to arrange the winter bedding plants.</p> <p>Budget: members noted that approximately £1,800 remains in the horticulture budget, with around £700 spent so far. [Figures to be confirmed] Further planting is still wanted, and lavender was favoured over bushes in one location.</p> <p>Village newsletter: Cllr Hustwit was due to explain the position on the newsletter. [The recording ends at this point; Clerk to add any update]</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the updates.</p>
5.	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>To note the next meeting of the In Bloom Working Group. [Date to be confirmed by the Clerk. The agenda gives Monday 7 September 2026, 6.30pm, Laneshaw Bridge Primary School, Emmott Lane, Laneshaw Bridge, which appears to be the date of this meeting]</p>

Agreed Actions

Area	Action	Owner
Planter area	Prune roses lightly now and heavily in early March; strim the grass; check the planter sides	Lengthsman
Village bushes	Meet to agree which bushes members cut and which the Lengthsman does	Members / Lengthsman
Bus shelter	Clarify measurements and fit of the winning design on the new shelter	Clerk
Winter planting	Arrange winter bedding plants for the tubs on the wall in about six weeks	Lengthsman
Village Action Day	Set a date in spring before planting	To be confirmed