

Monday 19 August

Report on two public workshops held to canvas ideas for improving the Parish environment

Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd July at Mitford Village Hall, 7.00pm

This meeting was attended by two parishioners in addition to Alison and Esther also in attendance was my daughter Grace who was brought up in the Parish.

Though attendance was sparse a lively conversation ensued much inspired the catalyst of Alison and Esther.

Ideas suggested at Mitford were:

- Creation of a communal herb garden (this suggestion came via e mail but was welcomed by the group)
- Creating boundary markers of white fencing and floral boxes in the style successfully established at Glorum
- Planting the triangle of land at the bottom of Spital Hill. Although ongoing maintenance and the fact that this is a dark area were also noted
- Village signs with integral floral planters placed under the A1 for traffic heading west, at the boundary for traffic heading east and again at the top of Spital Hill
- Replacement or refurbishment of worn benches in village, near church and the notice boards
- Plant the bank behind the noticeboard at the entrance to Fontside
- Buy a red telephone box
- Hold a plant sale
- Create allotments (I realise this has been tried)
- Draw attention to existing Facebook and Parish website
- Hold an open day event for Village Hall focussing on new kitchen facility and various classes already using the facility
- Revive the Flower Show
- Create a walking group

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The following evening we held a further meeting at Tranwell.

Attendance easily broke the previous record with four parishioners taking the time to attend. On this evening I was well supported by Sheena and Mike. Again, the enthusiasm of the attendees more than made up for the lack of numbers.

Ideas, some in addition those already suggested were:

- Boundary markers with floral planting in the style of Glororum
- Where possible the verges within the boundary of the village to be close mown
- Hold a new village fair
- Barbecue or similar designed to spark community spirit
- Any device that could slow traffic down