

There was a query on why roundabouts weren't offered for sponsorship by businesses and it was explained that this was not permitted as Witney was in a conservation area.

The Chairman asked Officers to investigate the ownership with WODC. Cllr Brown offered to take this up with Sainsbury's.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the verbal update from the Communications Officer be noted;
2. That Officers investigate the ownership of the roundabout with WODC;
3. That Cllr Brown investigate ownership via Sainsbury's.

7. PLANS FOR ENTRY TO IN BLOOM 2018 NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Council had confirmed that it wanted to enter the National Competition in 2018 after a lapse of two years. The Communications Officer explained that the town would not win gold without business involvement. It was thought that independent retailers would be more able to support than the chains. The Communications Officer suggested that all a business needed to do was put up a hanging basket. She added that she was going to speak to the Community Policing Team to see if the front of the police station could be gardened again.

A member said that as the Council had had success with Christmas Light Sponsorship, this would be an opportunity to capitalize.

Members asked if this could go into the next newsletter. Lyn Jones asked if the Chamber of Commerce had been involved. The Communications Officer replied that this would be a long term goal.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the In Bloom entry 2018 was put into the next newsletter.

8. GOING FOR GOLD

The Town Clerk had suggested that when people were generally out and about they take note of what was happening in gold winning towns. A member commented that he was staggered that Witney had never won gold. The Communications Officer replied that the town fell down on litter, weeds in gutter and lack of business involvement. The Chairman asked if she could circulate the list to members.

A member suggested that businesses could have the three tiered planters outside.