

Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council

Public Questions, Statements and Proposal for consideration at the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on the 7th September 2020.

Submitted by Senga Webster

Good evening

I am writing these bullet points in response to the wild flower bed which is to be discussed at the above meeting.

- **Who will maintain this flower bed?**

No one wanted to maintain the small wooden flower boxes on 'The Green' which were covered in weeds, some were broken and were an 'eyesore' for a long time. These were only removed a few months ago. The various other flower beds dotted around the village were replanted this year and look nice now but for how long – who will weed them when they become overgrown?

- **Expense of maintaining a wild flower bed versus grass cutting**

Surely the cost of purchasing wildflower seeds, employing someone for planting and watering them is far more expensive than grass cutting – this expense could cover a lot of grass cutting for that small area. The previous flower bed was painted tractor tyres which were full of weeds – they were never maintained regularly.

- **Who would actually benefit from a wild flower bed?**

Cars would only see a 'quick glimpse' as they pass by. There is no seating in that area for walkers to sit for a while and enjoy it. Also there is no pavement on that side of the road.

- **The present full Parish Council is up for election next year.**

I would like to think that the present Parish Council were voted back in but if this wasn't the case, the new Council may not want to maintain this flower bed and that would just be a waste of funds which could

have gone to good use elsewhere.

I feel the Parish Council should be spending 'rate payers' money wisely on maintaining the village to keep it looking good and cared for and maybe people passing through would like what they see and consider living here.

I would rather see the money being spent on:

- keeping pathways weed free
- keeping borders on main roads weed free – not adding to a 'weeding bill'
- cutting over-grown bushes on pathways
- cutting back grass which creeps onto the pavements running through the main roads of the village

I could go on but that's enough for now.

There are no other submissions received in respect of the meeting.