



# Pill in Bloom Set Up Meeting Minutes

**Held at:** Pill Community Centre, Church Place, Pill

**On:** Tuesday 3rd March 2026, 3pm

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**Present:** Bob Buck, Justin Saunders, Mary Broomfield, Lucy Byrne, Pom Langton

## Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to agree how Pill in Bloom would be set up and operate from 1 April 2026.

### 1. Adoption of the Constitution

The Constitution prepared in October 2025 to support the grant application to Pill and Easton-in-Gordano Parish Council was adopted. It was noted that this would be dependent on a successful application to the Royal Horticultural Society for Affiliated Society membership and the election of members to the Committee.

Being a RHS Affiliated Society gives access to competitively priced insurance as well as a number of other benefits which were of interest to the members.

### 2. Applications to become a trustee

There were a total of three who applied to become trustees and join the committee. Kat Raines, who had given her apologies, had applied to become a trustee previously. All applications to be trustees were accepted by the attendees. The following trustees were appointed to positions on the committee for 2026/2027:

**Chair:** Kat Raines

**Secretary:** Bob Buck/Mary Broomfield

**Treasurer:** Justin Saunders

### 3. Approval to open an account with Westcountry Savings and Loan

All those present agreed that the Affiliated Society should open an account with Westcountry Savings and Loan Credit Union to manage the expected income and expenditure for the next year.

## 4. Budgets and Ordering Discussion

The Society is expecting a grant of £1,300 from the Parish Council in April to cover first year activities. These activities are solely in respect of:

- The maintenance of the flowers and plants in the current beds and planters.
- The summer and winter hanging baskets in the precinct at Baltic Place.

With overheads and previous costs of the hanging baskets, it was anticipated that a budget of £50 per planter per year is the approximate guide.

It was agreed that a previous system of providing a facility at Brackenwood Plant and Garden Centre had worked well and this was the preferred way of ordering with appropriate notification of the committee and receipts for any purchases.

## 5. Activities for the year

There are monthly workparties which take place on the last Sunday of the month (10am preferred). It was proposed that these continue with specific areas targeted on the particular months. Some planters will be managed by individuals on an ad-hoc basis too.

It was noted that the forthcoming precinct works to create a new bus hub will complete around the end of April and will include three additional planters which it would be good if Pill in Bloom could maintain. There will be funds for the initial filling and planting of the planters.

There is also a desire by North Somerset Council, working with the Parish Council to make more of a feature of the grass mound at the end of Pill Street (opposite the Kings Head). Agreed that members could meet there at the next workparty to discuss possible options. Landscapers have been approached to tidy up the current Christmas Lights locations on the site but the quotes are too high for the budget from North Somerset Council.