

Minutes of Stutton Grows Meeting 20th February 2006

1. **Present:** Neil Mordey, Debbie Brown, David Coleman, Julie and Rik Bond, Sarah Gray, Bill Hewlett. Mary Field, Ken Wilson
2. **Apologies:** Sue Hewlett, Louise Lock,
3. **Minutes:** 6th January - Agreed
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - Contact with Mike Ewart – no trees available
 - School Liaison – need diary reminder to plant acorns in Autumn
 - Fairy Ring Seats
Rik and Neil to organise collection.
Discussed how the seat metal spike can be concreted into the ground.
Ken to talk to
 - Mr Wood – Brantham re welding
 - Russell Welham re concreting
 - Working Party 25 Feb – concentrate on removing stump and level ground within the fairy ring site and general clearance.
 - Sign –actions still to be progressed.
 - Dog Mess - Sue to ask Stutton school children to design posters
- 4.1. **School Planting of Saplings Canhams Wood / planting areas**
Scheduled for 10 am March 3rd from school.¹
Neil and Mary to attend.
Bill has ordered 30 oak saplings and will collect Thursday 2 March.
Expect 15 or so children to attend planting event.
Remainder to be planted in nursery.
- 4.2. **Tree watering in Yendi** – Bill confirmed that the money had been delivered and Sue had received an email stating “Madam, the mango tree you planted is growing well. Appolonia and Isaiah water it every day” We are hoping to receive letter / photo for our records.
- 4.3. **CRB Checks**
Bill spoke to Adrian Murrell at Greenlight who confirmed that those who were already CRB checked need not have this redone. (Sue, Neil, Sarah and Debbie)
Bill to get copies of forms and guidance to those who are prepared to be CRB checked.
5. **New Cards** - Mary presented new designs for cards, which all agreed were excellent. Mary had bought card at a very good price £8 for 50 bought sufficient for 300. The cost of printing on computer would have to be factored in but it was felt that they could be sold generating a good profit. Mary would need to claim for cost of printer cartridges
Agreed Mary should include her name on the cards
Thanks to both Mary and her daughter Julia for their fine efforts

¹ Due to frozen ground conditions the planting on 3rd March could not go ahead

**Sarah to investigate ribbon / raffia from "Suffolk Scrap"
Debbie to reimburse Mary £48**

6. Bring & Buy 21 January

Neil recorded thanks to all particularly so as we made an incredible £209.15.
Whilst it was successful it was thought that we should not automatically do the same next year and we should give thought to another event perhaps focussing on Teas/ Cakes / Raffle

Sue to write and thank Janet and David

7. Treasurer's Report:

Current Balance: £1409.15

Discussed future expenditure Fairy ring £320

Planting for March – approx £410

Insurance

Agreed

- **Bill and Ken to meet Peter Berry on site prior to making application to Babergh to fund 60% of the planting**
- **Sue to write letter to Dave Wood seeking funding form his locality budget**
- **Neil to write to Parish Council requesting funding**

8. Suffolk Hedgerow Survey

Ken reported on a request from the parish council to assist in the **Suffolk Hedgerow Survey** already 55 parishes have completed their survey and another 190 currently surveying – this should be done between May and October

The objective is to build up a picture of all the landscape hedgerows present and to record details of different species of shrubs and trees, which go to make up each hedge. Apart from being a document for your parish records, the details will also go to the Suffolk Biological Records Centre to create a scientific baseline

Agreed that Stutton Grows give their support and assistance to the project

- **Consider inviting the convener to the AGM**

9. AGM Tuesday 16 May ²with Hedgerow Survey speaker – Ken to contact

10. Next Planting NEW PLANTING DATE 25 MARCH

The agreed day as discussed at the meeting had to be changed due to a clash with school Jumble Sale. As we need to maximise potential planters it was agreed to move the date to 25th March (agreed by Sue and Neil)

Bill ordered trees (same mix as the boundary to the southern part)

Committee to arrive 9 am to set up for the event

Publicity needed – Neil Bill to put up stakes marking out the boundary with signs

Hand bills requested.

11. Next Meeting: Monday 8 pm 24 April at Greensleeves

² Date confirmed