

Minutes of Stutton Grows Meeting, 24.04.06.

Apologies: Julie Bond, Nancy Holmes, Oonagh Tanner and Ken Wilson.

Present: Rik Bond, David Coleman, Neil Mordey, Louise Lock, Mary Field, Sue Hewlett, Debbie Brown, Sarah Gray and Bill Hewlett.

Minutes of the previous meeting were amended slightly. The current balance should have read £1415.00. The minutes were then agreed and signed.

Matters Arising:

Dog fouling posters – School cannot run a competition. Will use PC posters which Bill will put up.

Rik is pursuing perspex idea for project sign.

David Wood has promised us £160 from his locality budget.

Babergh (Peter Berry) have awarded us the grant for the last planting – two thirds of the cost of the trees.

Stutton PC has given us £250, thank you letter has been sent.

Treasurer's Report: Carry Forward: £1415.00

Income: £ 4.00 (Bring 'n' Buy)

£250.00 (Donation Stutton Parish Council)

Expenditure: £ 48.00 (Mary Field)

£ 4.29 (Photocopying)

£ 320.00 (Seats)

£ 15.86 (Oak saplings from Doubles)

£ 394.97 (Trees for planting)

Current Balance: £ 858.88

Expected income: £160 from Dave Wood and £237 from Peter Berry.

Future Expenditure: £20.58 to Mary Field for cards and Public Liability Insurance in August, approx. £125.

Cards: Mary and Julia have created and packaged cards that are beautiful and very professionally produced. Decision taken to charge £3.00 per pack of 5. Sue will take some to Rookery Farm (20 packs) and to the Dyvig's Manningtree shop (10 packs). A laminated card accompanies them so that buyers can see the different designs. Will also advertise the cards in Roundabout. SG will send a Garden Centre token to Julia Last, who has given a lot of her time to this venture.

**Planting Day:** Concern that school is less active in its support of SG. Sue sure that the new teachers are keen and that more active consistent involvement will happen. Agreed that Sunday afternoons are probably better for planting days. Convinced that personal invitations to previous supporters of events will pay off. Will also try to time planting days to follow on closely from Roundabout coming out.

**Fairy Ring:** The seats are heavy. Bill and David will contact Russell Welham to arrange a day when he can help install them. They will let others on the SG know so that others might help.

**A.G.M:** 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2006, 7.30 at the Village Hall. SG members will wait to learn more about what is involved in the proposed Hedgerow Survey before deciding how much they might agree to do. A new secretary and treasurer will be needed. Some offers have been made so we have reason to be optimistic about the steering group next year.

**Website:** Members are content for Stutton Grows to remain on the Stutton Village website.

**Green Light Conference:** No-one is going to attend this year.

**CRB Checks:** People looked at the forms. We have enough CRB checked people on the Steering Group currently so will not pursue this further. Decision taken to adopt the Green Light Trust's Child Protection policy.

**Midsummer Walk:** SG to organise a walk Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June 6p.m. to tour the village and possibly include some hedgerow survey work.

**Date of the Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2006, 7.30p.m. at Stutton Village Hall.