

Stutton Grows
Minutes of Meeting 13 June 2006

1. Present

Neil Mordey, Debbie Brown, David Coleman, Mary Field, Rik and Julie Bond, Sue and Bill Hewlett, Ken Wilson

2. Apologies

Sarah Gray, Louise Lock

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting 24 April were agreed

4. Matters Arising

4.1. Mary reported that Julie was very pleased with the plant voucher and passed on her thanks.

4.2. Cards **Sue to contact the Farm Shop to check cards are on display**

4.3. Dog Fouling – seems to be better in the planting area – **Bill to include a thank you in Roundabout for showing respect.**

4.4. New Sign – **Rik would get the Perspex cover, Sue would prepare a notice.**

4.5. Child Protection Policy

It was resolved that Stutton Grows would adopt the Greenlight Trust Child Protection Policy.

Bill to circulate the policy to all members of the committee.

5. Treasurer's Report

At the last meeting the balance was £885.88

Since then

Outgoings

Materials Mary £20.58

Hire of Village Hall £15.00

Voucher £10.00

Income

Sale of cards £19

Dave Wood Locality Budget £164

Hedgerow Grant Babergh £237

Balance £1260.30

With regard to the £1000 donation spending to date

£220 Bird and Bat Boxes and £320 Seats

Future spend will include concreting for seats, specimen tree (which will be planted in the autumn), improved sign

It was clarified that we do not need to spend all the donation on special items and may be used to assist future planting etc.

Insurance - Debbie has received the invoice for insurance £121. Debbie is following up contact with Suffolk ACRE to see if cheaper premium available. Debbie read out the text used to describe Stutton Grows activity.

It was agreed that this be amended to include use of mechanical garden equipment – lawnmower and strimmer.

6. Summer Walk 25 June 6pm

Details agreed. Meet at school, Church Road, Hyams Lane, Manor Lane, Canhams Wood, Woodfield Lane, straight over road alongside Alms Houses turn left around field and onto Alton Hall Lane and back to school.

Opportunity to talk about hedgerow survey, use tree identification sheet and inspect / learn about our planting. Thereafter those interested can make for a pub. **Bill to do some notices to be displayed at the Fete**

7. Hedgerow Survey

Ken has met with Teresa at the Stutton Hall Farms and discussed access and has received plans and details of hedgerows. **Ken invited all surveyors to meet at the Village Hall Sunday 18th June at 2pm.**

8. Working Party to install seats

Bill has shown Russell Welham one seat and he felt that the metal rod would be sufficient to hold it in the concrete. He estimated that half a barrow of concrete would be sufficient for each one.

Bill to organise with Russell to deliver to near the site, sufficient ballast and cement.

Neil to transport filled water butts.

Working Party to meet Friday 23 June at 9am.

9. Maintenance

Hedgerow

There is a need to remove weeds from within the spirals and cut back other competing plants. Neil drew attention to bracken which needed to be treated with care as it was carcinogenic at certain times of the year. Neil also contended that it was not competing with the plants. Also discussed was the approach to cutting the hedge back to stimulate growth and aid bushing out. Sue was concerned that we should aim to do hedge laying in the future – an activity to encourage wider participation from the village.

Sue / Bill to check with Greenlight as to recommended practice.

Agreed: Working Party 2pm Sunday 2 July. Advertise event ask people to bring gloves.

10. Tree Nursery

Sue and Bill removed 5 bags of thistles from the bed and there are several oaks and some other trees growing. These are too big. More work needed.

Agreed: On the working party day 2nd July a small group go to the school

11. Rabbits

Ken had discussed with Teresa at that crops grown in the field to the west of Canhams Wood have been devastated due to rabbits. There is a need to cull the Rabbits – using ferrets.

Ken to inform Stutton Hall Farms that Stutton Grows has no objection and request that when in progress that there are notices in place.

12. Mowing

As part of the management agreement there is a need to make sure that both the planted area and future planting area does not become overgrown. Teresa pointed this out to Ken. There is a need to ensure that we liaise with Stutton Community Council.

Agreed in principle that if SCC arrange some cutting, additional to the playing field maintenance, that Stutton Grows offer to make a contribution to the cost.

Sue to raise at SCC meeting

13. Village Web site

Rik had agreed to do progress the Village Web site. **Bill to provide Rik with item with Stutton Grows logo.**

14. Date of Next Meeting

11 September 8pm at Rik and Julies