

Stutton Grows
Minutes of Meeting 11 September 2006

1. Present

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

2. Apologies

Sue Hewlett, Louise Lock

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting 13 June were agreed

4. Matters Arising

- 4.1. Sue called into Manningtree Whole Foods Store - has sold all its cards. £30 collected and passed to Debbie. More cards to be provided. Approx half the cards sold at Rookery Farm - overall about £53 raised so far.
- 4.2. New Sign – Community Council also want a similar sign at the playing field
 - **Neil to provide marine plywood base**
 - **Rik would get the Perspex cover**
 - **Sue/Bill to prepare a notice.**
- 4.3. Child Protection Policy
Bill advised that a revised policy had been prepared by Greenlight.
Bill to circulate the updated policy to all members of the committee.
Available at <http://www.greenlighttrust.org/Toolkit/21c%20-%20Child%20Protection.pdf>
 - **Discuss at next meeting**
- 4.4. Summer Walk 25 June. Neil apologised for being unable to attend. A good evening with approx 20 people. The fairy ring seats were put to good use with an impromptu game and enjoyed by children and adults alike.
- 4.5. Hedgerow Survey - Ken reported that the survey was proceeding well.
- 4.6. Seats – Successful morning's work Friday 23 June. Russell Welham supplied ballast and cement. Noted that some seats were splitting
 - **Neil to mend with epoxy resin.**
 - **Bill to request invoice from Russell**
- 4.7. Working Party Sunday 2 July. Select group, in very hot conditions, cleared western hedgerow and part of crescent area.
- 4.8. Mowing – noted that grass has been cut.
Sue to follow up with Community Council to see if a financial contribution for cutting of planting and wildflower area is needed.
- 4.9. Village Web site - Rik had made further progress
www.stutton.org.uk/stuttongrows
 - **Agreed that members of the committee should be on the Stutton Grows page**
 - **Bill to include web address in Roundabout article**

5. Treasurer's Report

Debbie reported last balance was £1260.30 and has paid £121.00 for the insurance leaving a balance of £1139.30. Noted that the completed insurance form included the occasional use of mechanical garden equipment – lawnmower and strimmer.

As requested Bill had completed the forms to sign cheques approx 2 months ago, but Debbie had yet to receive any notification from the bank.

6. Tree Nursery

Further work needed.

Working Party to meet at School Friday 22nd September at 10am.

7. Next Planting Event

- **Branch committee to meet after tree nursery clearance Friday 22nd September. Possibly at Gardeners**
- **Action: to determine a planting scheme including estimating numbers and species required.**

The Tree Council's National Tree Week 22 November – 3 December 2006

- **Planting event scheduled for Sunday 26 November at 2pm.**
- **Event to be advertised – Bill**
- **Ken to talk to Teresa at Stutton Hall Farm to explore possibility of grant aid for planting as part of any bid made on behalf of the estate.**
- **Ken to enquire about possible use of used tree guards**

Discussed need to investigate further a wild flower meadow – it would need a specified mowing regime and probably the planting of plugs of flowers to get it established.

- **Flower meadow - Louise /Sue to discuss with Community Council as to how we should work together.**

8. Next Working Party

Some bird and bat boxes still need to be put up. Continue weed clearance.

David has obtained a leaflet on how to install a stag beetle pile, which we would do on the day.

- **Neil would ensure sufficient cut logs available.**
- **Working Party Sunday October 29 2pm**
- **Bill to advertise in Roundabout**

9. Management Plan

Neil referred to the need to revisit the management plan.

Neil had completed annual Bird Survey which would be placed on the web site – **Neil and Rik to action**

Flower Survey – will need to be updated.

- **Discuss management plan at next meeting**

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13 November 8pm at Rik and Julies