

Stratton Community Garden Committee of Stratton Parish Council

Meeting Thursday 26th January 2017

7.30pm at the Kings Arms, Stratton

Minutes

Present : Jeremy Padfield (chair) Malcolm Daniels Marie Taylor

apologies Dave Stock, Sue Bartucca

<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>Welcome and Minutes of the last meeting The minutes were read and signed by JP as a true record of the previous meeting.</p> <p>Membership – Sue Bartucca has resigned from the committee, the Chair expressed thanks to Sue for all her efforts. It was agreed straight replacement not necessarily required although new members with ideas and time always welcomed.</p>	<p>JP – letter of thanks</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Annual Inspection– report received and shared at the meeting. Small number of low risk issues – as follows Gazebo – MD to remove sharp edges on handrail Middle Gate – closes too quickly should be 4-8 seconds closing time. Opening between gate & post should be 12mm all around MD to take a look at this, low risk Timber staining picnic benches – MD to investigate & report back on required treatment Boulders – more bark chippings – JP Bushes in basket swing – option to remove rubber sleeves in order to inspect for damage – not carried out Tyres – require strimming around (lengthsman JP) Bark Chippings – under most playpark equipment (basket swings, slide, boulders, roundabout etc) needs raking and top up JP to ask lengthsman to rake once per month</p>	<p>JP (remainder chippings) MD (edges) MD (staining) JP (types strim WP) JP (bark chippings / rake)</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Silver Birch Copse Top up of ground cover required – still outstanding MD has quote from Chris – will forward to group – JP to speak to lengthsman / DOE volunteers Weeds need to be cleared / sprayed off Third litter bin – MD to put up bin on post which is now in the ground – JP has coach bolts</p>	<p>MD (third litter bin) JP (lengthsman / DOE)</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Tractor Tyre Planters – strimmed as above – topsoil in and require weeding / planting by DOE volunteers</p>	<p>MT to liaise with DOE volunteers to see how much time they have remaining</p>

6.	<p>General Updates</p> <p>Moles were removed – invoice to Parish Council 6 pallets to be provided by JP to use for compost bin – DOE volunteers to be asked to put up – MD check PL Insurance Gazebo is not watertight and JP to ask Paul Phibben for price for shed waterproof roofing material with labour DOE volunteers have cleared 2 of the raised beds; Malcolm shared photos, much tidier. Petanque area – not sure whether this is being used and whether the hardstanding space might be of better use with something else? Pathways – require weeding / spraying and top up</p>	<p>JP (pallet compost bin) MD (PL ins)</p> <p>JP (price Gazebo roof)</p> <p>MT village newsletter</p> <p>JP / lengthsman</p>
7.	<p>Mowing & Strimming Update</p> <p>Lengthsman to be made aware trees need special care Mowing to start with grass growing season – lengthsman's hours to increase in 2017/18 season by 5 hours per month</p>	<p>JP (trees)</p>
8.	<p>Wildflower Garden Area Update</p> <p>Ground prepared but no frost so seed put in fridge to attempt to bring on. Seed once laid can be covered in strawberry netting to prevent birds eating it. MD would like to ask DOE volunteers to assist Lengthsman to avoid putting grass cuttings on wildflower</p>	<p>MD (seed)</p> <p>JP (direct lengthsman to compost area)</p>
9.	<p>Rubbish Update</p> <p>DS not present – assumed no major issues to report.</p>	
10.	<p>AOB</p>	
11.	<p>Date of next meeting – 7.30pm Thursday 4th May 2017 at the Kings Arms</p>	