

Stratton Community Garden Committee of Stratton Parish Council

Meeting Thursday 7th August 2013

6.45pm at the Kings Arms, Stratton

Minutes

Present : Jeremy Padfield (chair) Malcolm Daniels Sue Bartucca Marie Taylor and Barbara Quinn – Apologies Dave Stock

1.	Welcome and Minutes of the last meeting The minutes were read and signed by JP as a true record of the previous meeting.	
2.	Matters Arising None	
3.	Annual Inspection –2013 – this did not arrive in time for the meeting – actions to be carried forward and issues dealt with via email. JP to circulate when received.	JP
4.	Signage – MT to proceed with ordering the 2 signs from the cheapest quote provided.	MT
5.	Silver Birch Copse Picnic Area – not quite completed, MT to email Syd. Invoice to be paid on completion and inspection.	MT
6.	Tractor Tyres – Nick Taylor has left some bags of topsoil in the CG. JP to move tyres into suitable place and fill with soil scraped from his fields in the Spring. MT to liaise with Rachel Carter re: Downside pupils maintaining the raised beds. Barb Quinn and Malcolm Daniels representing “Middlemead” to maintain one tractor tyre when in situ. SB to pop article in next newsletter requesting additional help to maintain the other tractor tyre wef Springtime.	JP MT MD SB
8.	Springs – MD and JP to install.	
7.	Planting / Weedkilling MD is hopeful to secure a grant from Mendip to purchase a heavy duty strimmer. MT has applied for a grant for £500 Cllr Siggs for planting.	

8.	<p>Mowing Update JP to check whether additional mowing and subsequent payment took place. Quotes to be collected again in the new year</p>	JP
9.	<p>Rubbish Update Report from DS – not much rubbish in the middle bin / garden still in use so possibly people staying for shorter periods of time and not picnicking. SB to make sign & laminate to put by smaller bin informing people that an additional bin can be found by the pedestrian gate.</p>	SB
10.	<p>Village Day 2013 SB updated on village day progress. MT to email D Grimes & ask him to telephone DS. MT to phone Sally (Goats) re: Jeremy 5/6 hurdles + has 4ft bales which he could bring to create goat pen. SB & MT to meet to finalise tasks on 9th August 2013 Date of the next village day meeting <u>Wednesday 14th August 2013 – 7.30pm Kings Arms</u> – all welcome MD to put on website</p>	SB/MT MT MT MD
10	<p>A.O.B DS reported that homeless YP had arrived late one night at the CG with sleeping equipment. The committee advised Dave not to approach any groups of adults young people etc particularly late at night to avoid putting himself at risk. Dave will phone 101 (non emergency helpline) in case of future issues. MT reported Arum (reception class) had used the playparks at Chilcompton and Stratton as the subject of their summer term Focus Week and Clare Bendall (former chair, SCGC) had gone in to talk about the CG. MT reported that St Vigor & St John Juniors had built bug boxes and she had two ready to put in the silver birch copse picnic area, once created.</p>	MT
11	<p>Date of next meeting – 7.30pm Thursday 17th October 2013 at the Kings Arms</p>	