

Greener Staplehurst Group

Meeting of Monday 23rd October at 7:30 pm at the parish office

Apologies, Jose Castro Tash Thomas, David Charge

In attendance: Paddy Riordan, David George, Shirley Wigzell, Richard Ash

Minutes of the last meeting - unavailable

1. Budget request for the parish council: The group considered that including current funds available, a suitable figure of £3,000 to be added to the Parish council budget should be requested. This should be used towards, Trees, planters, Wildflower areas, Herb Garden, Village Gateways
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It was also considered that a further some should be made available for Bradley the contractor, so that he can be utilised in areas around the village suggest £1,500.00

- 2 Ideas for tree planting were the obvious areas, Headcorn Road, Marden Road etc. Richard Ash kindly agreed to looking to acquiring 10 stakes to assist with any trees and Paddy Riordan agreed to ask KCC for any tree supplies. It was noted that the group still have trees available which are currently being looked it, looked after by David Charge at his allotment. It was felt that enough Trees had been planted as part of the Queens Canopy

- 3-5 Management of planters will continue to be done by the group. The work that Shirley has carried out is very much appreciated. The group asked that the Parish council might consider having a Rumwoods account? It was considered, now that some many members of the group had moved away and the Chestnut Avenue wildflower area may be made smaller and more manageable. It may be something that Bradley could maintain two or three times a year
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6. Ideas to gain more volunteers support. David George mentioned that he had two people who are interested, but perhaps adverts may be put out on social media, The village update and possibly the parish magazine
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7. AOB: Cllr Castro provided an information page to acquire a leaf blower, including protective equipment, three Dutch hoes and a box of gloves, this document has been shared with the Parish Clerk. David George has also provided information in relation to a leaf blower as follows: EGO LB5301E Blower kit with battery is £279 inc vat. Blower Kit alone £169. Batteries are interchangeable. Paddy agreed to ask the Parish clerk to add these matters to the next available agenda. PR stated that he was happy to Chair this meeting, as there were budget matters to consider, but did not wish to Chair the group going forward. David George stated that if Tash Thomas is not available, that

he would be happy to Chair the group, going forward. Could the Parish Office please make enquiries to find out who owns the Western Wimpey Field area (not owned by the PC). Can Medway Valley be invited to a future meeting.

8. Future Meeting Dates- 1st Thursday of the month, 6th December, 1st February & 7th March
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