

# Greener Staplehurst Group Meeting

Monday 20 April 2022

## Minutes

### Present:

David George (Chair)  
Jose Castro  
David Charge  
Bill McLaughlin  
Mina McPhee  
Stuart McPhee  
Martin Ralph  
Paddy Riordan  
Natasha Thomas  
Julie Williams

**Apologies:**, Shirley Wigzell, Louise Pettifer, Adele Sharp

Welcome to Julie Williams

### 1. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved after adding Jose Castro who was omitted from those present.

### 2. Update from previous meetings

- a. Naming of Herb Bed – approved by the Parish Council. NT will organise the name plaque.
- b. Herb bed plantings – another batch of herbs to be planted by MM.
- c. Wimpey Field cameras – these have now arrived but are awaiting more memory cards. They will be installed as soon as the new memory cards are delivered. Jon Grimwood will help with installation. Parish Office will review the film regularly although it is expected that named Parish Councillors (JC and PR) will be authorised to look through the films for anything of concern.
- d. The Wimpey Field Management review has been requested and it is likely that Medway Valley Countryside Partnership will visit in early summer in order to carry out the review. It has been agreed that the additional quotes required for the work to be carried out at Wimpey Field should be held back until after the review has been carried out. MM to circulate copies of the previous review with these minutes.
- e. Parish Council Clerk to recommission Bradley to undertake maintenance work at Wimpey Fields.

### 3. Eco Day – 14<sup>th</sup> May

MM provided an update on the Eco Day. It was agreed that the bird walk should be advertised on Facebook so that people book in advance (**MM to action**) . GSG members are encouraged to attend.

**Action: Please inform MM if you are able to staff the GSG table during the day so that a rota can be drawn up. The event runs from 10am to 4pm. If GSG members have any seedlings for distribution on the day, please bring them to the Church early on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>.**

### 4. Beds Maintenance

It was agreed that a weekly volunteer evening session should be organised on Thursday evenings so that people can attend after work if they wish to. **Action: MM and JW to organise and publicise.**

**Action: A list of priorities to be drawn up so that where volunteers are available they are clear about what needs to be undertaken.**

#### **5. Large planter at Jubilee Fields**

The planter from MBC has now been positioned and planted although more plants need to be acquired. It was agreed that a red and white theme should be followed. **Action: DG to action when buying plants.**

#### **6. Payback Team at Wimpy Fields**

The Payback Team has been working at Wimpey Fields although work was stopped in April. They have been clearing debris and adding it to the dead hedge. The question was raised about what work can be carried out at present and it was agreed that the best way forward for the present is to pick up the dead wood and do some more clearing although this is not a good time to have a good clear out. It was agreed that the Pay Back team would return to Wimpey Fields in due course. **Action: JC to oversee.**

#### **7. Sapling Damage**

There was concern about the newly planted saplings which have recently been damaged. 5 saplings were torn up in Stanley Close. Action: No saplings will be planted in Stanley Close for one year. When then next round of plantings is undertaken, local residents will be consulted and engaged before any plantings are carried out in the future. **Action: Diarise for discussion with residents in January 2023.**

There was a question about what action is to be taken about the trees that have been damaged at Wimpey Fields. **Action: it was agreed that these should be replaced where possible using the list kept by Peter Spearink.**

#### **8. AOB**

*Budget* – the group needs clarification on how much of the grant budget from last year is still available. Parish Clerk should be able to provide this figure.

*Compost Bin update* – the landlord has agreed to the placement of a village compost bin. However, this needs to be drawn up as a legal document. **Action: Parish Clerk to chase up with the landlord.**

*Broken glass* – Surrenden Fields and Jubilee Fields are both regularly littered with broken glass. It was pointed out that both sites have CCTV and the cameras have now been pointed on the spaces that suffer from this.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

MM

30 April 2022