

MINUTES OF STANWICK COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Held in Stanwick Club

Present; Dave Cox (Chairman), Brenda Marshall (Secretary), Clare Annable (Treasurer), Janet Carrington, Carolyn Brawn.

- 1. Apologies:** Jenny Hodgson (Clerk to the parish Council)
- 2. Make a decision on which summerhouse to order:** - It was decided after researching all local sources, that we would order the 'Barton' 10' x 16' Georgian style building from A&J sectional buildings of Wellingborough. This was chosen partly because it has small window panes which are better for security. All windows will be Perspex as per guidelines. The quotation includes insulation and will be fully erected for us.
Wilma has kindly offered to make curtains for it after it is ready for use and we still have to decide on which furniture to order. We can have benches for children and a table and chairs within the grant terms. We will purchase a different lock to go across the two doors.
It was suggested that it may be a problem to maintain it as it has to be treated annually, it will also have to be insured so we will need to raise a certain sum of money each year to cover these costs. However we are given £200 towards insurance each year from the Parish Council so we should only have to contribute a small amount towards this. It was decided that we have raised that sort of money in recent years and there is no reason we cannot carry on doing so.
We are also ordering a 7' x 5' Apex shed to use to house a compostable toilet. This is funded by the Tesco Bags for life monies that we were lucky enough to be given early in the year.
At this point it was brought up that there are only a handful of us actually working in the garden and four of us ladies are of a certain age. We really need to try and encourage younger people to come and help to run the garden to ensure its future.
- 3. Make a decision on which compostable toilet to order:-** Having looked at the different types of compostable toilet it came down to three types. Out of the three the Separett Villa 9010 was the one decided upon. It is the simplest one to install and doesn't require steps up to it because it doesn't need to be raised from the ground. Some of the committee have seen this type on a local farm and it seems to fit our requirements very well. It was thought best to also order a urinal as solids and liquid have to be separated within the toilet itself otherwise.
We were not unanimous in our choice so we voted on this and four members voted for it with one abstention.
- 4. Financial Report:-** After the ENDC Grant money is spent (on the summerhouse and the furniture to go inside) We have a balance of £1,632.52 from the Tesco Grant money. This should fund the purchase of the shed and

toilet. We may have to add a little more to it for any extras, such as the urinal, or solar panel and fan. We have a 'ring fenced' amount for our annual budget and then we have a balance of £710.43.

We have just heard that we have been given £150.00 from the Stanwick Race Group which is very much appreciated. This brings our total liquid assets to £860.43.

- 5. Review the Church Fete:-** We made £28 profit at the Fete, but it was more about taking part than making money. We couldn't run the game properly as the weather was bad and it all had to be held inside. It was very cramped but still busy. Potatoes sold and so did the jams. The cakes in the Church were very expensive at £2 for a small piece. We may consider doing cakes next year.
- 6. Open air Church Service Sunday 8th September:-** Carolyn Brawn is organising the service along with The Rev. Jon. Aldwinckle. It will commence at 2.30pm. Four of us said that we would make cakes and be there to help set up at 2pm. People should bring donations for this harvest service and they will go to the Raunds food bank on Monday morning.
- 7. Use of the tap by mini plot holders:-** We had a complaint from one mini plot holder that he had been told off for using the tap nearest to the mini plots. We discussed if this tap should just be used by committee members or by all members. It is kept locked to prevent wastage by somebody leaving the tap turned on. The hosepipe has to be kept locked up and can only be used by committee members according to Parish Council directives, but the tap, although it has to be locked, was thought to be available for use by members of the Community Garden (which mini plot holders are). Most of the time it is easier to walk to the next tap to fill a watering can anyway, and we do have to be aware of any wastage, but it was decided that unless the lock is left off of the tap, accidentally or otherwise, it can be used by members. This situation will be reviewed next year.
- 8. Scarecrow Festival 14th to 22nd September:-** it was decided that we haven't got time to make scarecrows again this year. We will put out what we do have, the flower pot men, and weed etc. Pre-School have asked if they can use the garden to display some of their entries. We agreed wholeheartedly and hope that they have some take up for this.
- 9. Whips on border of Community garden:-** The border between the garden and the car park is always a mess with weeds growing between the whips as they are too close together. This year they have been so tall that our flowers couldn't be seen behind

them from outside. Christopher brawn has very kindly removed a lot of the weeds but we all agree that it would be better if we could get a strimmer between the whips and the fence. Chris has also reported that some of the whips are Hazel and Oak. He will move these elsewhere so that they have room to grow. It was suggested that we remove the row nearest the fence to enable strimming otherwise when they grow into a hedgerow it will grow through the fence. There are also Hawthorns there. Chris will move these in with other hawthorns elsewhere.

10. A.O.B.:- None

Next meeting.Wednesday 2nd October at 7.15 pm in Stanwick Club Meeting Room

This will be an Open Meeting so all can attend, please come and join us.