

FUSS

Friends & Users of Staplehurst Road Shops

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9.6.10 at the STATION HOTEL

PRESENT:- Anne Kashmiri, Anne Bligh, Ian Khan Gilchrist,
David Lewis, Steven Boyle, Elaine Hayter, Hazel Savill, Steve Foster, Arlette Dunn
APOLOGIES:- Jim Mallory, Pauline Beck, John Savill

We had a flying visit at the start of the meeting from Heidi Alexander who had made her maiden speech in the Commons the day before . She had given Fuss an honourable mention in the context of community groups existing in her constituency. We are now recorded in Hansard!

PLANTING DAY 15.5.10

Everyone was very impressed by Jim Wheeler's photos. David brought along his laptop so that everyone could see them and choose which ones to print for the Fuss Noticeboard. Jim had also managed to get a photo of Planting Day into the May 26th edition of the Mercury page 20. Anne B to thank Jim for generously donating his expertise to aid Fuss.

It was agreed that some planters needed a bit more colour. Annes B & K and Elaine agreed to do the business.

Anne K and David have been shouldering the watering of the planters. They requested a third volunteer to join the rota. No one was available so Elaine suggested asking the shops again to help out with planters near them. Steve F offered to water the new bench /planter. David suggested a longer hose on the water bowser to make filling up easier. He thinks he has one. Elaine agreed to ask Matthew to water the pub's planters.

Cost of Summer planting so far is £896.76p.

John and Matthew would like five more planters for Leahurst Road. They agreed to pay for the planters and innards if Fuss will do the job.

HGCA FAIR 22.5.10

A very enjoyable event. Fuss tombola and sand game made £104.35p.

MHG FAIR 12.6.10

Setting up time 10.00am. Fuss is having a bricabrac stall, sand game and face painting. Helpers are Annes B & K, Elaine, Hazel, Arlette and David. Fair open from 11.00am to 6.00pm.

Hazel agreed to lend her noticeboard. David agreed to print the photos for it. Steve F volunteered to write a new publicity leaflet to be handed out at the fair updating the old one with current projects.

NEW SIGNAGE

Arlette has the new design through although she wasn't happy with it. Needs to be redone. She agreed to get it to John Hayter by 11.6.10. We hope to have it in place by Judging Day on 14th July.

JUDGING DAY 14.7.10

Ian had had the idea to ask John & Matthew if Fuss Certificates could be put on display in the pub over the time of the Judging Day to advertise Fuss's successes. Elaine had carried out the negotiations successfully. So it was decided to ask the judges to meet at the pub and Matthew had agreed to provide light refreshments. Ian wondered if the display could be permanent. Elaine to enquire.

Ian is preparing the new Judge's Pack.

Clean up day is on 10.6.10 starting at 10.00am meeting outside Audry's DIY shop. This is to tidy up Staplehurst Road before the judging on 14th July.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. If you didn't help on planting day, please do your bit on the 10th!

BIG LUNCH DAY 18.7.10

Ian had asked the Vicar if the Good Shepherd garden could be used to hold a Fuss Big Lunch on 18th July. He had agreed but there was no enthusiasm for the idea as most people had already made other arrangements for that day.

DRAIN CENTRE

Ian had written a letter in support of the Leahurst residents affected by the development plans. Everyone agreed with the contents. Anne B to post.

LOCALITY FUND

Ade Joseph had advised Fuss to put in the bid in August.

FUSS E MAIL LIST

It was agreed to canvass people on our mailing list to see if they wished to remain on it. Anne B to do.

AOB

Elaine reported that Cost Cutter and the Deli had already joined the Child Safety Scheme. Balma gave Elaine a contact number for the local organiser Michelle, who Elaine invited to attend a Fuss meeting talk about the scheme. This has still to be arranged.

NEXT MEETING ON 7.7.10 AT 7.00pm in the STATION HOTEL

Meeting closed at 8.30pm. Elaine will do a newsletter for the shops.