

SturQuest

Management Group Notes taken at the meeting held on 7TH October 2015

Present: Debbie Hurst (Meeting Chair), Jacqui Wragg, John Lewis, Joe Rose, Vic Fox, Jeremy Read, Suzanne Lawrence, Charles Rowan, Phillipa Ashton

Apologies: Mark Vye, Richard Lewis, Sophie Horton, Helen Lacey

Note Taker: Mary Spencer / Jacqui Wragg

1. Welcome and Apologies.

DH welcomed everyone to the meeting and received apologies were noted.

2. Notes from previous meeting and matters arising.

Notes from the previous meeting were accepted. Matters arising from the last meeting are covered by this meeting's agenda.

3. Welcome Packs.

Welcome Packs were delivered to the Estate Agents and although they agreed that the packs were a good idea they felt that the presentation needed to be more professional. It was decided that SQ would continue to provide Welcome Packs from the office, but a suggestion that the Estate Agents should provide 'essential' information and direct their customers to the SQ office for tourist information etc. SQ will check with the Estate Agents to confirm what information that they would like in a Welcome Pack.

4. Unity.Com

A PDF copy of the magazine is now being sent to SQ which enables SQ to forward the magazine to customers. The page on the SQ website will show the Advertisement Rates and Terms and Conditions, and may allow contributors to post suggests on the website regarding the improvement of articles presentation.

Unity.com would like to have another Business Promotion Special and then maintain this on a regular quarterly basis. There are plans for the March issue to promote Dance, Sport and Learning. It was requested and agreed that **Jacqui Wragg [JW]** will work with **Jackie Upton King** to reach and include businesses and organisations associated with these activities.

An Advertising Seminar, working with the Town Team, will be arranged at a later date to share advertising tips with local businesses.

5. Future Provision of Youth Services in Dorset

It was announced to the meeting that the Youth Service Budget was to be cut by 45% but as the Youth Centre is attached to the High School the actual building could not be closed down although some youth workers may be lost. As providing Youth Services is not a statutory requirement Dorset will not have to keep the Youth Service. It was agreed that Unity.com would highlight the situation.

6. AOB

A] CPR -John Lewis [JL] advised the meeting that the Decals will be paid for by the Sturminster Newton Surgery and these can now be printed and will be put to the Cheese Festival, Hall and Woodhouse, and the Housing Association for funding for a further 20 Defibrillators. There will be a need for someone to check the Defibrillators on a regular basis.

B] Walk Leaflets - The final draft has been completed and there will be a launch in Spring 2016. The walks will be available on the Internet and on the Dorset For You Website with a link to the SQ Website.

C] The Christmas 'Thank you' Party will be held on the 17th December in the Chivrick Room and will include the Choir from Yewstock School singing carols.

D] Friends of the Library - Thanks to volunteers, the library has now opened an extra 2 hours on a Monday. There are also regular monthly 'Meet the Author' events.

E] KnowStur - investigating using the library for English lesson for the Sturminster Newton immigrants.

F] Development of Clarks Yard [Snooks] - Jeremy Read [JR] The Original proposal for the development of this site was for 14 houses but this has now increased to 27, this proposal has been rejected by the North Dorset District Council [NDDC], the Highways agency and for environmental reasons as there is no route for the Trailway.

There is a meeting on the 13th October 2015 where the Town Council will present their objections and Collette Drury [CD] will speak on behalf of SturQuest and Neighbourhood Plan Group. Jeremy Read will also speak on behalf of SturQuest, there were also objections from Open Spaces, Trailway and Pathways. Among the objections was that the land beyond Snooks Yard was purchased as a Nature Reserve.

G] Martin Jones would like to encourage local business to take a table to raise funds on a Valentines Night- Festival Opera Soiree.

Date of the next meeting has been arranged for **Wednesday 7th December 2015** at 7pm in the SturQuest Community Office.