

Briefing Note for items 6.1, 6.2 & 6.3

6.1 – Allotments

The proposal this year is that we ask that the Steyning Allotment Association {SAA} organise six to eight volunteers to look after / manage the Bon Fires at Rublees & Canada Gardens, based upon a set of rules which I will compile - a 'Do's and Don'ts' – safety check list, and that I would be in attendance from time to time to ensure this is observed at both sites, with our Caretaker as a backup for this arrangement. Councillor volunteers are also very welcome.

Sally Sanderson from the SAA has said she likes this idea – and so that their members are more involved this year. Provisional date is for the 22nd of April.

We also propose the usual number of skips, say 6 or 7. At a cost of approximately £290 per skip.

Could this arrangement be agreed please.

6.2 – MPF Hedgerow

I have spoken with Roger on site concerning a new hedgerow planting idea for the MPF / Rublees allotment border involving hawthorn and possibly some other species like blackthorn that would be planted the MPF side of the current fence line for the entire length, and we have also considered some additional trees and an extensive bulb planting programme. We will draw up more detailed plans to come back to either committee or hedgerow working party when Roger can find the time to do so.

We also considered together the progress on this hedge cutting, and I will update more at the meeting.

6.3 – Bus Shelter installation of hanging troughs

These are the notes from the Bus Shelter working party concerning Hanging Troughs.

It was suggested that having both Planters and Hanging Troughs/ Baskets at the front of the building could be over-doing it. If there were to be Planters, then there would be a need to move the existing Bin and Grit Bin – And finding an alternative location for the Grit Bin could be troublesome. Also, if a ramp was the preference for disabled access on the front left of the building this would rule out any large Planter installation. It seemed therefore that installing hanging troughs and no planter tubs was a preference on each side, and for the hanging troughs to be installed just underneath the square notice areas {Green background with white surround}.

The Steyning in Bloom group are keen both to have these troughs installed and to know our intentions now either way, so that they can make plans to start planting them – I will bring one along to the meeting, for you to decide if we are to install this year or not please.

