

MINUTES OF AN INFORMAL MEETING HELD ON 24TH NOVEMBER 1986
AT 21 FARMCOTE CLOSE, EASTCOMBE. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY
OF CREATING A GARDENING CLUB

1. PRESENT:

Mr. R. N. Bryant
Mrs. L. Jones
Mrs. Howlett
Mrs. Spencer
Mr. I. McGregor
Mr. Roberts
Mrs. P. Ellarby.

Mrs. Abbott
Mrs. P. Perry
Mrs. P. Gibb
Mr. R. Moss
Mrs. S. McGregor
Mr. R. N. Ellarby

2. R. Bryant explained idea behind meeting.
Was there a demand for such a Club? Consensus: Yes.
3. What would Club be called. After discussion: Hill Top Gardening Club
was suggested as a name to put forward at the Inaugural Meeting.
A non-profit making organisation.
4. Membership Fee: To be agreed at an Inaugural Meeting (Mr. Ellarby to
give guidance). Ideas put forward:
- £2.00 - Family Membership
 - £1.00 - O.A.P.
 - 0.35p. Visitor with member (at meetings)
 - 0.50p. Non-member unaccompanied.

After two visits membership would be suggested.

5. Steering Committee: volunteers asked to come forward until Inaugural Meeting.
Chairman: Mr. R. N. Bryant
Secretary: Mrs. P. Perry
Treasurer: Mrs. S. McGregor
6. Inaugural Meeting: Mr. R. Bryant to investigate the availability of
Eastcombe Village Hall on Wednesday 28th January 1987.
Mr. I. McGregor and Mr. R. Bryant to liaise on producing a poster (A4 size.)
Each of the above members to have a quantity for circulation.
Mr. Bryant & Mr. McGregor responsible for insertion in: P.O. Stores,
Doctors and on Notice Boards of Bussage and Eastcombe Halls.
Suggested start: 8.00 p.m.
Refreshments: Mrs. P. Ellarby, Mrs. P. Gibb, Mrs. P. Abbott
Coffee, Tea, Biscuits - free of charge.
Raffle: Mr. R. Moss. - 6 tickets for 50p.
Mr. I. McGregor to provide tickets.
Prizes to be given by Mrs. S. McGregor (2)
Mrs. P. Perry (1)

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Agenda (to be presented by Mr. R. N. Bryant)

1. Introduction
2. Apologies for absence
3. Election of a Secretary, Treasurer and Committee -
Committee to elect Chairman
4. Create a Programme
5. Agree on Membership Fee.

Secretary to take minutes from time of election.

Mrs. S. McGregor to present brief slideshow of interesting gardens.

7. Ideas for Programme:

Lectures: Mr. Sutton, Middle Street Stroud,
Peter Rushton, Hampton Nurseries,
Mr. Stapleton, Golden Valley Nurseries
Mr. Hickey, Snobs Farm Nature Reserve
Selsley Herb and Goat Farm
Bristol Zoo
Bee Keeping
Mrs. Hunt (Canadian Gardens)
Gardeners Forum
Rosemary Verey, Barnsley House,
Several members speaking on mini-topics.

SHOW - 1st Week in September is suggested.

Outings: Wisley,
Hidcote/Kiftsgate,
Buscot House at waterlily time.
Barnsley House,
Powis Castle,
Treasures of Tenbury, Tenbury Wells,
Selsley Herb and Goat Farm
Clacks Farm, Worcester,
Chelsea Flower Show,
Bowood House, Chippenham,
St. Mary Crucis Alpine Garden

Social Event: December.

Timing: October - April for meetings?
April - September for outings?

The Meeting finished at and a vote of thanks given to Mr. & Mrs. Bryant
for their hospitality.

Subsequent to this meeting it was found that only a Tuesday is available.
Therefore Tuesday 10th February has been booked for the Inaugural Meeting at 8.00p.m.

"H I L L T O P" G A R D E N I N G C L U B

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting Held on Tuesday 10th February, 1987
at 8.00 p.m. in Eastcombe Village Hall.

1. The Chairman, Mr. Robert Bryant, welcomed the assembled gathering and was delighted to see such an enthusiastic turnout.
2. Mr. McGregor estimated that there were approximately 73 people in the body of the Hall. APOLOGIES FROM: Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Ellarby
3. Mr. Bryant outlined the idea behind the launching of the Club, Lectures in the winter months, Outings in the summer months, possibly a Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Show in September and generally improve the environment of the three villages involved.
4. Mr. Bryant explained what steps had been taken so far to launch the Club:
Informal meeting had been held at his house: those attending had seen his notice in the local newsletter - 24.th November 1986.
A name had been put forward "HILLTOP" which seemed to encompass all three villages - this was unanimously agreed at the time ;and again at the Meeting on 10th February.
A Steering Committee had been elected from those there:
Robert Bryant - Chairman
Pam Perry - Secretary
Sheila McGregor- Treasurer
5. A Committee was then elected of volunteers, in addition to the Steering Committee:

Mrs. Peggy Abbot, Mr. Ken Wrenn, Mr. Trespaderne, Mr. I. McGregor.
Mr. K. Armitage, Mr. R. Ellarby, Mrs. J. Carter, Mrs. C Dorrell

In addition: various others offered help when needed:
Mrs. Cowper, Mrs. Bond Mr. Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Hunt, Mr. R. Salt
6. A Membership Fee was discussed and eventually agreed upon:

£2.00 single membership per annum
£3.00 double " "
£1.00 each additional member of a family.
Visitors: 50p. each meeting attended.

Proposed: Mr. Carter, Seconded: Mrs. Lindsay Good.
7. Mr. Bryant recorded the thanks of the Club to the anonymous donor of £5.00 for the Club to belong to the Gloucestershire Federation of Gardening Societies.
8. The Programme of Events for 1987 was outlined and agreed upon.
August Outing: Highfield Nurseries, Whitminster Tuesday 11th August, 1987.
SLIDESHOW - COFFEE BREAK. - RAFFLE - SALES TABLE.
- 9., Thanks were recorded to the ladies who had served the tea this evening.
Thanks also to all who attended.

Meeting finished at approximately 9.45.p.m.