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Steyning Parish Council,  
The Steyning Centre,  
Fletchers Croft,  
Steyning,  
West Sussex, BN44 3XZ

01-May-17

Dear Parish Council

On behalf of the Steyning Allotment Association, I should like to ask some questions (to be raised at the next Playing Fields Committee meeting).

1. We should be grateful if you could update us on any progress towards gaining permission to be able to position a new shed to replace the existing dilapidated and vandalised one.
2. Please note that someone was recently seen stealing crops from the allotments (rhubarb) and this brings the urgency of securing the site forward by providing combination locks as soon as possible. Could the council please ensure that this is achieved soon, especially as we enter the growing season with the risk of losing our valuable crops.
3. Please note we have delayed our requested Barbeque at Canada gardens from 10-Jun-17 to 10-Sep-17
4. We would like to thank the council for reducing the height of the hedge between the playing fields and the allotments and would politely request that this continues as an annual undertaking on both sides. The west side boundary still has some very tall and vigorous trees along it.
5. At a previous meeting, the council proposed that a skip should be provided for removal of waste. Could you please provide an update.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of the Steyning Allotments Association

I should like to add a further observation from this morning (09-May-17) - I popped into the allotment site to see two dog walkers cutting through; one of which was not on a lead and barked and chased me. I am frightened of dogs and so found this a particularly unpleasant experience.

Sorry, another item.

I have looked on Amazon and there are many outdoor combination locks to choose from. I would imagine that we can find something suitable

for example

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Master-Lock-security-anti-rust-combination/dp/B00HUXFIYS/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1494315854&sr=8-1&keywords=combination+padlock%2C+outdoors+heavy+duty](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Master-Lock-security-anti-rust-combination/dp/B00HUXFIYS/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1494315854&sr=8-1&keywords=combination+padlock%2C+outdoors+heavy+duty)

Hazel Roxby

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Dear Hazel,

Thanks for your call. As I said, I would suggest the Council could call up a locksmith for advice as to a possible solution to the locks saga, so it may help to pass this info. on to the Chair of the Amenity and Parks Committee (the newly named Memorial Playing Fields Committee!).

These are the 2 locksmiths I contacted some time ago when I was researching the locks for Rublees.

The first one was very helpful indeed and offered to visit in order to recommend the appropriate lock for the gates.

<http://seymour-locksmiths.co.uk>

the 2nd one:

*Rhino of Lancing*

[redacted] was less helpful and required photos of the locks before offering a visit! But he has good reviews.

[redacted] knows

Kind regards,

## Carol Stephenson

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**From:** ROGER BROWN <browns.steyning@btinternet.com>  
**Sent:** 18 May 2017 07:34  
**To:** Btconnect  
**Subject:** Minor damage to Allotment hedging plants

FYI . This Incident has been reported to the Neighbourhood Warden - Paul

On Sunday night (14th May) some of the new hedging plants were damaged at the entrance to the MPF. The large metal gate into the MPF was open on Monday morning.

About 10 plants had their protective tubes pulled up or removed, or were bent at an angle.  
2 canes were broken, 2 canes missing. One plant was flattened. Have replanted and tidied it up.

The same night the Steyning Downland Scheme information board further up the track had its perspex cover smashed.

Regards,  
Roger Brown

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 00  
**To:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Subject:** Grass Cutting - Thank You!!

Dear Carol and Hazel,

I would appreciate it if you would pass on my thanks and a "job well done" to the Parish Council and the Contractors responsible for grass cutting. I live in Abbey Road and the guys made a super job cutting the grass in and around the kiddies playground, another super job along the footpaths leading to the church and also the areas along both sides of Abbey Road. The guys used a motor mower and strimmer along the footpaths and cleaned up afterwards (so no grass cuttings left on footpaths) - a much better job than when they used the sit-on mowers.

I served on the council for a number of years and compliments were few and far between (we all know it's easier to criticize!!) hence the email.

Best regards