

## GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021: at 7.00pm

**Present:** Amanda (Chair), John W, Ray, Ashley, Michael, Gerry, John F, Bob and Robin  
**Apologies:** Rob, Helena and Nikki

REF	ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	<b>Meeting venue</b>	G & F	
2.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting (April)</b>	Approved for signature by the Chairman.	
3.	<b>Actions from last meeting</b>		
1	Course for First Aiders. Defibrillator pads	Amanda will follow up the first aid course. Ashley still trying to get 2021 service arranged. He has been quoted £165.00 +VAT by Defibshop. He will look into getting a discount if we gather a few from the village. We agreed to have the service even if a discount cannot be arranged.	Amanda Ashley
2	Dene Place Visit	They still have not got back to us with a date.	
3	EH Big Day Out-Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September.	Generally a success. We were put in a poor position. We sold the limited produce we took raised about £150. Some possibility that a couple of people said they were interested in volunteering	
4.	Replacement Mower	Have been offered a good quality mower similar to present mower. Michael will store at his home. Still need a mower to replace recently stolen one. Michael to investigate and Gerry to look on freecycle.	Michael Gerry
5.	Birch Tree update.	NT will deadwood it.	
6.	Farmers Market	18 <sup>th</sup> September. Ashley to check if we can take flowers to sell. Amanda to take gazebo and set up at 8.00 – 8.30. Volunteers to crop on Friday at 4.00pm John W to organise a rota. Carolyn is purchasing aprons for people to wear along with a name badge. Agreed for future events a drone photo and a large map of the site would be useful.	Ashley Amanda John W
7.	Trip Hazards	Grey painted marks to denote beds not completed. John W to negotiate with Rob and Gerry on its implementation	John W
8	Potting Shed Tidy	To be completed in poor weather in the autumn / winter	
9	Kitchen Supplies	These have been bought	
10	Walled Garden Project Book	Rob was the G & F representative on Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> August in the Barn at West Horsley Place. He is going to research the history and development of the Walled garden for the project. He would be pleased to get any help or information.	Rob T
11	Website Donations Check	Request that donations are offered and accepted before being delivered to the garden, not on website yet. It will be included in the next newsletter and added to the website	Ashley

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	12	Greenhouse Staging	Tim to investigate. Will be purchased with next year's money. John W highlighted the value of their purchase. Ashley has a replacement automatic vent to replace broken one	Ashley
4		Finance report (Ashley): (Attached)	1. Working balance £10,860. Income is currently £35 ahead of 2020 at this time, but we banked £1200 in September last year. <b>INSURANCE FOR DOE</b> an insurance issue. They have said all members of the garden need to be DBS checked, which is virtually impossible. Ashley has sent the procedures we use, hoping that will be enough. Unfortunately we would have to stop having DOE students if this is not accepted	Ashley
5		Garden update (John W.)	Badger activity in the sweetcorn has not been repeated. Some damage has been done but there has been a very good crop. Overall crops are plentiful and of good quality. Major disappointments caused by blight and poor onions. At present there is a need to dig the potatoes and a shortage of members capable of digging is proving an issue. We will grow less year.	
6		Allotments - update (Michael)	11 have already paid next year subscription. Discussion about skip, to be reviewed, particularly after potting shed clear up. Will be off next years budget.	Michael
7		G+F Website & Comms. (Ashley)	Nothing significant to report. Ashley will look at the East Horsley and West Horsley parish council websites to see if the information they provide on Grace and Flavour can be improved.	Ashley
8.		Building team update (Rob)	Work on the east wall will begin mid-October	Rob
9		Wildlife – update (Gerry)	Gerry has cleared a pathway through the area. The recently planted hedge and trees are growing well. Amanda confirmed application made to EHPC for £150-worth of further hedging plants for "corridor" between South polytunnel and the allotments.	
10.		Apple Pressing Day	See below	
11.		Harvest Festival and Squash Lunch	Nicki will check with Renos from St Martins Church that he is still available	Nicki
12.		Resignation of Robin Satow	It was agreed that it would be a fitting to send off for Robin Satow to combine the apple (and grape) pressing with ' a bring your own contribution' lunch on Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September. Robin was thanked officially for all the work he has done since the very earliest days of the project.	Amanda / Nicki?

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	<b>AOB</b>	<p>A request to use the site for bee hives was dismissed.</p> <p>Newsletter to be published shortly – to include Big Day Out, Donations, Horsley Farmers Market and Robins leaving and Apple Pressing Day</p> <p>Ashley to send Bob S a copy of our public liability insurance for the Methodist Hall. Will send the new insurance copy that is due this month.</p> <p>Richard Bayes has offered to be on the mowing rota. Michael to contact him and suggest he starts next year.</p> <p>John F reported about the use of weedkillers on allotments. Members can use any chemical readily available in garden centres but only on their allotments not the surrounding areas. This should be included in the newsletter.</p> <p>Michael T asked about the letting of the site for filming.</p>	<p>Ashley</p> <p>Ashley</p> <p>Michael</p>
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**Meeting closed: 8.15pm Next Meeting: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall.**

**Chairman: Amanda de Haast Minute Taker: Bob Spackman**