

**GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**Minutes Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022: at 7.30pm (Wesley Room)**

REF	ITEM	ACTION
Present	Gerry Robbins -Chair: Beverley Nash (1st part), Vicky Rutherford , Ray Beard, John Whitlock, Michael Trower , and John Fluker.	
Minute Taker	John F	
1	<b>Apologies:</b> Ashley Brown, Rob Treble and Carolyn Whitfield.	
2.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting:</b> Accepted and signed by Gerry.	
3.	<b>Actions from last meeting</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NGS - 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 – All now fine. And it is agreed that parking will be in Dene Place's field.</li> <li>2. H &amp; S / Risk Assessment: Ashley is collating directors' responses and this is still in progress.</li> <li>3. Bodging equipment: This will all be staying as the Bodging Group is being revived.</li> <li>4. Harvest Thanksgiving and Squash Lunch on 15<sup>th</sup> October went well.</li> <li>5. Listing on RHS Its Your Neighbourhood website: decision deferred to next meeting after RHS information considered by directors.</li> <li>6. New Members induction: Beverley is awaiting to hear from Ray re compost and waste. Ray will supply this on Saturday. At induction new members should be told that if they need any further information they should refer to the Handbook. Beverley will print copies of revised form and place a few in the Potting Shed ready for new recruits.</li> <li>7. G&amp;F website and newsletter: Tony Millership is going to assist Ashley with the newsletter. Gerry will supply Ashley with a list of things that need updating on the website including the revised Handbook (see item 5).</li> </ol>	<p>GR</p> <p>AB</p> <p>John F</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>BN</p> <p>RB</p> <p>AB &amp; GR</p>
4	<b>AGM</b> Post meeting discussion Gerry thanked all those involved in organising, speaking and providing refreshments. Julia Reardon-Smith had subsequently raised some concerns about how the hall was left after the meeting. GR has apologised and arranged to meet with her before next AGM to ensure concerns are addressed.	GR
5	<b>G &amp; F Handbook and other documents</b> The following amendments to the Handbook were agreed:- Thursdays & Saturdays are the main volunteer days; remove reference to 10% limit on out of area membership; remove reference to double time in winter; remove reference to obtaining the padlock number by phone. The handbook will be updated, circulated to directors, uploaded to the website and a single copy printed for reference in the Potting Shed.	
6	<b>Finance report:</b> 1. A brief report from Ashley as he was absent: The balance at the start of the financial year was £11,941. Sales so far this financial year are £1,099 (October £434 and November £573). Allotments: Both Parish Councils have paid their dues totalling £1,253. Expenses so far amount to £660. The balance in the G & F account is therefore £13,633.	AB

7	<p><b>Garden update</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Soft fruit bushes now cleared. Rhubarb and old asparagus next.</li> <li>2. Brassicas all very early which will cause a shortage in the new year.</li> <li>3. All the broad beans are now up but there is some concern about the effect of current temperatures. If there are any losses these should be possible to make good by a sowing in February..</li> <li>4. All water is now off except in the potting shed and the insulated tap nearest the potting shed. Any hosepipes and spray attachments still out in the garden need to be collected up and stored.</li> </ol>	JW
8	<p><b>Allotments -</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The gate code has been changed.</li> <li>2. The dip tanks have been drained.</li> <li>3. The manure order for the allotments went well.</li> <li>4. Tree trunk: just a bit left. (Now removed to north boundary border as an insect resource).</li> <li>5. As mentioned in the Finance Report, the Parish councils have paid.</li> </ol>	MT
9	<p><b>G+F Website and Communications</b></p> <p>Ashley has nothing to add.</p>	AB
10	<p><b>Building Team</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Team busy paving behind the greenhouses</li> <li>2. Improved pond safety signs suggested ready for visitors on 2<sup>nd</sup> July next year.</li> </ol>	RT
11	<p><b>Wildlife:</b></p> <p>The pond has been cleaned courtesy of Gerry and Ashley. Rob Treble, John W, Gerry and Ray to take part in hedge planting at Horsley Meadows SANG. on Monday 19th Dec. 10am-3pm organised by SWT and WHPC.</p>	GR
12	<p><b>Social Events</b></p> <p>Should be a reviewed at our next meeting. <i>(Note added after meeting. GR received agreed calendar from AdH and AB. Circulated to directors, and uploaded to website by AB.)</i></p>	VR
13	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. First Aid Refresher Course needs to be three yearly so 2025.</li> <li>2. Pond safety: Signs mentioned above.</li> <li>3. Sponsors on Website: Horsley Farmers Market should be added to list of sponsors.</li> <li>4. NGS cards: We don't think they are needed this year. Review after Open Day.</li> <li>5. The pink trailer has been advertised by Michael but the rotovators have not yet been listed.</li> <li>6. The shredder needs a refit. David P usually does this but a professional will be needed this time so Ray will sort out the small trailer ready to transport it.</li> </ol>	RT RT AB/GR  All MT  RB

**Next Meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in the Wesley Meeting Room, Methodist Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Chairman: Gerry Robbins Minute Taker: Beverley Nash.**