

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING

Directors' Meeting 10th January, 2019

Place:	The Wesley Room, Methodist Church
Directors Present:	Ashley Brown, Ray Beard, Amanda de Haast, Rob Treble, Nicki Douet, Robin Satow, Bob Spackman, Michael Trower, John Whitlock, John Fluker.
Apologies:	Helena Stuart-Matthews
Chairman:	Amanda De Haast
Minute Taker:	Robin Satow
Agenda Item	Discussion Points
1.0 Welcome	
Amanda welcomed all those present.	
2.0 Minutes of last meeting	
Approved by all present; actions reviewed.	
3.0 Actions from last meeting	
3.1	Documentation – Bob has found Minutes from his time as Chairman – will deliver to Ashley Amanda has been in contact with Su Johnston who may have some relevant documents / paperwork. Action: Bob.
3.2	Dipping Troughs. One new trough installed (to be connected to water supply). Action – Rob.
3.3	Wall Repair. No news from NT, but Robin advised that their budgets are normally approved, and NT Regions advised, by mid-February at latest, so will contact Sarah Archer at end of Jan., to enable report at next Directors' meeting. Also to ask whether present props to remain; NT engineer to specify "improved" version, or scaffolding-based specification is proposed. "Wobbly" section at North end of garden to be covered, too. Action – Robin.
3.4	Bodging group. John F. & Robin advised that this is now held regularly on Monday mornings although the Reeves are on holiday over 14 & 21 st January. David Pile has cut off and removed marked parts of very large remaining oak trunk pieces; Group to split remainder. Still to action – G&F contribution of up to £100 as match funding to enable tools purchases. Action – Amanda to discuss with Sue Reeve.
3.5	Alders. Purchased and planted. Eddie is now installing stag beetle features.
3.6	Trees. a. Diseased birch. NT to remove. b. Oak stump removal. Rob Grist's original quote was £150 for both. Action – Bob. c. Lime tree pollarding. Rob Grist to be instructed @ £450. Action – Bob.
3.7	Posting on NextDoor. Ashley has this in hand. Action – Ashley.
3.8	Pea stick & bean pole harvesting. 7 volunteers for Tue., 15 Jan. (second date, if needed, is 12 Feb.) Robin to advise those taking part of logistics. Action – Robin.
3.9	Succession planning. No further developments. (Action – Amanda/all)
4.0	Finance Report. Ashley spoke to his report (attached – pdf version). Brief discussion on need to keep close eye on overall expenditure, as principal sources of income remain almost the same from year to year.
5.0	Garden Update (John W)
	a. John expects next month or so to be relatively quiet, in relation to overall workload. A ("one-off") trailer load of FYM is expected soon

	<p>b. Seeds. Tozers still willing to supply FOC but have much reduced varieties and most still available only, now, in very large minimum quantities. Associated firm (Kings) may be worth trying. Bob suggested approach Suttons. G&F could offer “excess” seeds to allotment holders and other community gardens.</p> <p>c. Polytunnel winter crop has been light; otherwise winter crops OK (excess of carrots!) Cauliflowers were great success.</p> <p>d. Tool stations – One fully installed. Second to be established, moving water pipe (within path) at same time.</p> <p>e. Gardening Sub-Group to meet evening of 28 Jan. (John W. to confirm)..</p> <p>f. Review weed suppressant sheets’ use on short beds side. (John W.)</p> <p>g. Current problem – pheasants. More rigour in replacing netting needed; more needed. (JW)</p> <p>h. Dana-Leigh has done all fruit tree pruning plus winter wash. Bob is working on soft fruit bush pruning (many thanks to those who weeded that area), and “old” rhubarb has been removed. Raspberry canes pruning soon; need to erect new support frames; timber needed from Honeysuckle Bottom sawmill – also for car park barriers (replacement posts); Action – Bob.</p> <p>i. Broad beans looking good – thanks to John F. for mouse-catching endeavours.</p>
6.0	Allotments (Michael)
	Water meter read; water is turned off and drained down, but meter pit insulation is “missing”.
7.0	Website (Ashley)
	Update. Ashley tabled topic headings and events lists, by months, requesting any amendments. (Action – All – Review Ashley’s draft and send him any alterations/additions.). Suggestions included clock golf on terrace, and addition of article on flower growing at the garden (Helena)
8.0	Building Team (Rob.)
	<p>a. Pergola update – Completed – and 3 vines planted (kiwi fruit to follow).</p> <p>b. Hanging post for gate to Dene Place grounds is badly rotted. Gate will be re-hung to open to line up with path (see next item).</p> <p>c. Path to Dene Place gate. Rob has costed materials - £500 incl. VAT’ G&F would lay a new path (blinding + fine surface) to gate, thence to potting shed, to improve wheel-chair access. Next step – approach BUPA. Penny Whitlock will initially approach management at Dene Place to gauge interest and (financial) support for such a project. Meeting provisionally booked for Monday, 14 January.</p>
9.0	West Horsley WI Link Event – Sat., 19 January.
	Jane King is leading; others helping on G&F stand include Nicki; Bev & Belinda also available. Take banner, business cards & flyers, and set out veg. display (plus “give away” carrots!)
10.0	Water harvesting, storage and pressure.
	<p>a. Allotments use. Tom Suffolk has suggested watering rota, but mains supply has low pressure. G&F is not (unlike allotment holders) an individual user. Allotment agreements have always stipulated basis (dip tanks) of water use. Policing of any hosepipe regime would be nigh-on impossible. Research other allotments water supply regimes (Action - Michael).</p> <p>b. Distribution & storage. Rainfall is low when water most needed. annual use from mains is 500 cu. m. Flow from mains is already preferential – 1” pipes to allotments dip tanks, but only ½” to G&F outlets. G&F to try one ¾” branch to “leaky” hose or sprinkler (Action - Rob. T. to specify; Ashley to order)</p> <p>c. Harvesting (rain water). “Spot” estimates for tanks - £2,000 or (for 10,000 litre underground tank) - £6,000. However, East. Side of potting shed roof outlet could be connected to water butt storage close to Tom S.’s allotment. Action – Rob. T.</p>
11.0	G&F 10th Anniversary event – 29 June, 2019.
	<p>Suggestions offered included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labelling al beds for visitors viewing (Gerry Robbins is renewing fruit trees labels). • Invite gardening Clubs to whom talks have been given. Action – Bob. • Invite the Gascoignes to open the event. Action – Amanda. • Bodging demo. • Wildlife walks led by Eddie. • Free refreshments, but flower and veg. sales. • Music (try U3A Music Group – also Ken Macintyre).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overflow parking (Dene Place). • Picnics on Tom's Terrace. • Advertising – Horsley News (Bob as contact); Horsley Directory; HCPS Magazine (Rob. T. as contact); Parish Council website. <p>Overall action – Identify remaining actions at next Meeting (All).</p>
12.0	AOCB.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Need to check condition of all fence posts. Action – Bob to lead. b. Application to Guildford in Bloom. Action – Ray to lead. c. Wheelbarrows (John F.) – replacement “trays”. Two to be purchased in pre-formed plastic, along with 4 No. fork handles & 1 x barrow wheel – Action – Bob. d. Auditor's fee (Ashley). Need to organise bottle of wine & veg. box. Action – Ashley. e. Parking in front of main gate/on roadside verge. Add to next newsletter. Action – Michael/Ashley.

Dates of next meeting: (NB – Altered date) –

Tuesday, 12 February, 2019 – 7:30 pm at The Wesley Room, Methodist Church.