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	PRESENT		Amanda de Haast (Chair) (AdH) John Whitlock (JW) Ashley Brown (AB) Ray Beard (RB) Helena Stuart-Matthews (HSM) Michael Trower (MT) Rob Treble (RT) Vicky Rutherford (VR) Gerry Robbins (GR) Carolyn Whitfield (CW) John Fluker (JF) Minute taker	
REF	ITEM	OGIES	Nicki Douet (ND) NOTES	ACTION
1		ing venue	Zoom	
2.	(a) Minutes of Last Meeting (Oct) (b) Announcements		Approved for signature by the Chairman. CW welcomed to her first meeting having been voted in in December as a Director of G&F. AB to send Companies House forms.	AB
3.	3. Actions from last meeting			
	3.1	Defibrillator pads and First Aid Kit	Pads acquired and first aid kit next to defibrillator	Complete
	3.2	Greenhouse staging	Tim has now contacted supplier and is awaiting a quote	Ongoing
	3.3	Large Rotivator	AB has mentioned to David that the Rotivator needs to be sold and understands that David knows someone who is interested.	AB
	3.4	Trip Hazards	 (1)RT confirmed that the bed marking with masonry paint is now completed and that the wooden stakes have been removed. (2)RT confirmed that the racking/staging for poles etc has been completed but that Trevor seems reluctant to use it due to potential rotting of poles when horizontal. RT to speak further with Trevor and will suggest covering poles etc with a tarpaulin. The poles are at the moment leaning against the wall and whilst they should not be there RT confirmed that they would not cause any damage to the wall. 	Complete RT

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	3.5	Coppicing	 AdH confirmed that two sources are possible: 1. West Horsley Place (WHP). AdH has contact and will find out more. Both Matt and Charlie at WHP have chainsaw licences. 2.Surrey County Council (SCC) and the contractor who now deals with the coppicing of Sheepleas. Cara is the contact at SCC but this is not so straightforward because the contractor may well not want us involved. JW said that he believed that we might already have enough bean poles but that we might well need peasticks. He would talk to Trevor. 	AdH Ongoing JW	
	3.6	Next of Kin cards	AB will send out a reminder in the next newsletter. The details can be filled in at the top of the skills sheet which all those working in the Garden should complete.	AB	
	3.7	Sales Price List	The date of the list is 5 th November 2011 and it was agreed that this was OK for the moment. AB confirmed that Justine was happy to continue updating as needed.		
	3.8	Additional Hedging	GR confirmed that he had almost finished planting the last of the Hawthorn this morning. There was now a bit of a gap at the end nearest the potting shed but GR felt that this could be randomly filled with dog roses. Other plants including Hawthorn could be added later if necessary (GR will check what might be needed: possibly 10-12 plants). Two Spindleberrys donated by Tim have been added in line with the existing Rowans. The adjoining allotment-holders are apparently very happy with what has been done.	GR	
	3.9	Potting Shed Tidy	The original intention was that it should be completed in poor weather during the winter but JW feels that a date should be set and it was agreed that this should be Saturday 12 th February 2022. A skip may be needed which can be sourced at short notice although it is quite an expensive way of disposing of rubbish.	ALL	
4		Finance report (AB): (Attached)	The working balance is £12,764. In the bank £8135, cash to bank £75, EHPC allotment payment outstanding £620 and the contingency fund of £4,000. All other allotment fees received in full. Actual position much as forecast and in line with previous years. An excellent start to the year. With regard to outgoings JW said that the fruit bushes may work out to be more expensive than expected as 64 are required and some cost as much as £9.00 This should not be a problem as we have sufficient funds to cover this. With regard to further drainage works for the allotments we might look to the two Parish Councils for a grant.	AB	

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5	Garden update (JW)	Not a great deal to do at the Garden at the moment except for manuring, weeding and tidying. The crunch period will come later in the year as we will start sowing in a month's time. Crops are beginning to reduce e.g. cabbages and carrots will end shortly, slightly earlier than usual because we planted less this year. Leeks should last between one and two months more but this is earlier than last year as the mid season leeks were smaller and therefore weighed less requiring more leeks to make up a portion. Soon we should have sprouting broccoli and spring cauliflower. All seeds, seed potatoes and onions have been ordered and the new rhubarb has been delivered. Meanwhile the garlic and onions already planted are doing well. A final decision on all the varieties of fruit bushes will be made shortly as these need to be planted on an area of the old organic side of the Garden before the end of March. The fruit cage will not be moved until this time next year as we will need the existing bushes to produce fruit for this year. AB to mention this in the next newsletter. We had problems with compost from late June onwards which may have been caused by the compost itself, the weather, a drainage issue or uneven watering. However no clear conclusion has been reached so we will continue to use Sylvagrow for the moment and monitor the situation carefully, as the alternatives are very expensive. Perhaps we may do a trial of alternatives.	AB		
6	Allotments	Not much to report. Padlock number changed. There has already been one manure delivery for the allotments and another is to follow this Saturday. The allotment management fee payable by EHPC is outstanding but will be paid shortly. We had apparently been overlooked.	MT		
7	G+F Website & Communications (AB)	Website all up to date including OGM, AGM etc Newsletter will be sent out shortly. Do we have dates for events? See 10 below. Five volunteer offers received (one came on Tuesday) See 11 below.	AB		

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8	Building team update (RT)	Very quiet so far this year. Raising of the staging in the northern polytunnel will start this Saturday The building team will help GR with hedging (Trevor with long hedge trimmer) Pea cage will be moved when required. There is also a little concreting job to do which will provide steps from the Garden to the allotments by the bay hedge. As we are trying to cut down on the work in the Garden it has been agree to reduce the Laurel hedge at the back of the potting shed next to the allotments to one foot. GR said that he had no objection from a wildlife point of view so long as it was carried out before late February. Finally the laurel hedge between Ripley lane and the car park is due for its biennial cut.	RT
9.	Wildlife	Not much to add. GW would like to find someone who has a self powered moth trap to set up in the wildlife garden to see what species of moths we may have at G & F. It would involve a bright light shining on a white sheet and it was felt that we should inform our neighbours, although as it would be a one off we could not see that they could reasonably object. GW thought that the Butterfly Conservation people might be the first port of call for this.	GR & AB
10	Calendar	The following dates were proposed for this year's events: OGM – Saturday 14 th May 1pm at G&F Ripley Farmers' Market stall – Saturday 11 th June (CW checking available dates. JW suggests July might be better) Summer Social – Saturday 2 nd July 6-8pm at G&F Allotment Holders party? (invite to summer social?) Horsley Garden Society Annual Show – Saturday 16 th July Pot Luck Lunch – Saturday 6th August West Horsley Fete – Sunday 11 th September Apple Pressing – During September as apples become available Harvest Festival (St Marys? – AdH to check) and Squash Lunch – Saturday 15 th October AGM- Thursday 10 th November West Horsley Village Hall Winter Warmer - Date TBC in December	AB/ND CW

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11	Har ve	Recruitment – New Volunteers	One new volunteer came on Tuesday during his lunch hour. He is retiring in April so will have more time to volunteer. Another came today. He has given up his own vegetable garden but would like to involved at G&F. A couple have been along a few times but not recently. CW has a friend who will come along and GW has a number of new neighbours across the road some of whom may be interested. Francis next door to MT and also Amelie have not been to the Garden recently. We should keep a list of new volunteers, try to keep in contact and follow up if they no longer come to see if we can find out why they are not coming anymore. All new volunteers should in any event be asked to complete the skills sheet as far as possible when they first start	ALL
12		AONB	AONB Extension Proposal: AdH referred to an e-mail from Jane McKenzie (JM) trying to drum up support/ evidence to assist with this proposal. Generally it was felt that G & F could not help much. GR and JW expressed reservations as they felt that the Garden was not countryside but more the built environment. GW thought that it would be inappropriate to take photos of surrounding countryside as evidence as it would be open to the owners of the land to object to this. AB suggested that JM could be referred to our website so that she could see photos in the Gallery there but they would all be of the Garden/allotments which might not be of any help. AdH to will talk further to JM.	ALL AdH

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AO B	Kitchen Hygiene; MT was concerned at the lack of proper hygiene in the kitchen (dirty sink, cups etc left uncovered) and after some discussion as to whether this should be highlighted in the next newsletter it was decided that that was not appropriate and that notices in the kitchen might be a better solution to the problem. There is of course no Potting Shed Fairy!	ALL			
	Far side of the wall: MT was concerned that the southern end behind the wall was becoming very untidy and proposed clearing brambles from between the wall supports and then planting sunflowers. RT was opposed to such planting as it would make strimming round the supports very difficult and the sunflowers would not thrive for lack of sun. What is needed is just a good strim and tidy up.				
	There was an accident last Saturday. When picking sprouts Beverley was poked in the eye by one of the posts supporting the sprout plants. AdH will check that she is now OK. Various suggestions were made as to how we could avoid this in future including flower pots, old yoghurt pots, tennis balls etc on top of the posts. All proposed remedies to be brought along this Saturday.	AdH ALL			
	A milk rota was suggested and a list proposed. GR volunteered to do Saturdays as he said that he always went to a shop on Saturdays to buy his newspaper before coming to the Garden.				
	AB mentioned that it was fruit pruning time and said that anyone keen to join the current team of Beverly, AB and JF would be gratefully received. VR, CW and AdH volunteered.				

Meeting closed: 9.45pm

Next Directors' Meeting: Thursday 10th February at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall, West Horsley.