

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING

Directors' Meeting 14th March 2019

Place:	The Wesley Room, Methodist Church
Directors Present:	Ray Beard, Ashley Brown, Amanda de Haast, Nicki Douet, Bob Spackman Rob Treble, Michael Trower and John Whitlock.
Apologies:	John Fluker, Robin Satow, Helena Stuart-Matthews,
Chairman:	Amanda de Haast
Minute Taker:	John Whitlock
Agenda Item	
1.0 Welcome	
Amanda welcomed all those present.	
2.0 Minutes of last meeting	
Approved by all present with one addition. Addition to point 10: planting a hedge on the south boundary shared with Dene Place was also discussed. Due to heavily shaded canopy, poor soil conditions and ongoing maintenance issues; it was decided not to pursue proposal	
3.0 Actions from last meeting	
3.1	Documentation – List of what and where – Amanda has contacted Su Johnston to ascertain if she still has any, waiting response. Action: Ongoing
3.2	Wall Repair update – awaiting further developments Action: Rob and Robin Satow
3.3	Bodging group update – David and Su Reeve not available for the Open Day but there is a possibility one of their contacts will be able to lead a group on that day.
3.4	West Horsley Fete – Jane King to lead on that day. Lyn Payne will also be there. We are to organise the miniature garden competition.
3.5	Diseased silver birch, stump grinding and Lime tree pollarding – The stump grinding of one oak tree has been completed. The others to be completed shortly Action: Ongoing
3.6	Posting on NextDoor – Some issues as whether we will be considered a business. Ashley to investigate Action: Ashley
3.7	Noticeboards at Budgens Bob Spackman has renewed these.

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3.8	Membership of Social Farms and Gardens – Some questions needed to be answered to complete application. These were agreed by the committee. Action Ashley to complete application
3.9	Ripley Lane Hedge Height – the hedge needs to 3.5 metres directly in front of the cottage. The rest of the hedge can be any height. Action John W to review present height
3.10	Article for WH Annual Parish Newsletter – completed and sent
3.11	G+F Ecological Report – Ashley circulated copies to committee. Agreed to review and revise the plan as 10 years since originally written Action John W Ashley Brown and Eddie Woodhouse to revise
3.12	Water Harvesting – There were long discussions on the viability of proposals put forward. Rob Treble suggested the possibility of devising a pump powered by solar panels (costs £6000) Concerns expressed over water in open tank close to our outdoor social area. Also it was argued we are trying to reduce hand watering as so time consuming and demanding on volunteers. In addition the oversupply of water in winter and shortage of water in summer was discussed. Agreed to harvest more water off the polytunnels by adapting the original polytunnel. Action Rob T to attach guttering to feed water butts on the original polytunnel.
3.13	10th birthday celebration & Open Day on 29th June – June Brocksom and the Gasgoines are not available on that date. Action Amanda to organise a sub - committee for the event.
3.14	Woodland Trust – we have used them for two hedges in the garden but at the present time there is no demand for extra trees.
3.15	Succession Planning – Action On going
4.0	Finance Report (Ashley) Report attached. We agreed to hire a skip for both allotment holders and Grace and Flavour. Date to be finalised but probably around the 2 nd week of April Action Michael Trower to organise. Finance Sub Committee to meet during March Action Amanda to circulate some dates
5.0	Garden Report (John) Purchase of Tub Trugs and Hoes Action John W to do this Many seeds have been sown in propagator and in the polytunnel. All look promising Plan to plant onions and potatoes outside in the next few weeks. Building Team have suggested they are prepared to try to remove the roots of the old oak trees John W not at the OGM. Format of that event will be decided at a future date. Action Amanda and Team devise OGM Format

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6.0	<p>Allotments (Michael) WH Parish Council rep – Michael reported that he had given Catherine Young a garden tour; she was very positive about the garden</p> <p>One recent request for an allotment but there are no vacancies at the moment. The applicant will be shown around the garden by Michael.</p>
7.0	<p>Website (Ashley) Photographs have been updated. John W has written a report in February but Ashley yet to publish Action Ashley to put Head Gardeners report on website</p>
8.0	<p>Building Team (Rob) Boundary Fencing awaiting delivery. Hopefully this should happen next week. A shed tidy up was agreed before Open Day Bob Spackman will complete floor sealing once the potatoes have been planted.</p>
9.0	<p>G+F GSC Theatre Outing Action Amanda will organise a trip to Twelfth Night at Guildford Castle Grounds</p>
10.0	<p>Chairman's Cover Amanda away 11th July Bob Spackman to cover Action 8th August and 10 October John Fluker to be asked to cover</p>
11.0	<p>Harvest Festival Saturday 12th October Action Bob Spackman to invite Ken MacIntyre from the Evangelical Church to lead the service</p>
AO B	<p>Action Rob to order more stakes to support Broad Beans Request for social in July rejected as the June commitment is so great this year. There will probably be an allotment social at that time.</p>

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 11th April 2019 – 7:30 pm at The Wesley Room, Methodist Church. (John Fluker to take minutes)