## GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021: at 7.30pm

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

REF	ITEM	1	NOTES	ACTION
1	Meet	ing venue	G & F	
2.	Minu (Apri	tes of Last Meeting I)	Approved for signature by the Chairman.	
3.		Actions from last meeting		
	1	Course for First Aiders. Defibrillator pads	Amanda chasing Nic Crust, who said that he would help. Four potential trainees: John Francis, Ray, Rob and Jerry. Ashley has spare pads and still trying to get 2021 service/ re-charge arranged. Maybe free otherwise cost as yet unknown. 2020 service was by NHS SE Coast Ambulance Service.	Amanda Ashley
	2	Dene Place Visit	They will get back to us with a date.	Ashley
	3	EH Big Day Out- Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September.	We should have loads of beans available but perhaps just a good display better: vegetables, flowers etc. We should aim to do 2pm-5pm (not 8pm) so three lots of two people will be required to run the stall.	All
	4	West Horsley in Bloom update	All on website. Not so many people and weather not kind. Tom got prize for allotment and back garden.	Gerry
	5	Social Events – Lunch 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Quite a few people. All OK.	Nicki
	6.	Replacement Mower	Purchase being investigated. Check also with Leatherhead recycling centre.	Michael
	7.	Birch Tree update.	All currently with Sue Streeter, Robin to chase.	Robin
4		Finance report (Ashley): (Attached)	<ol> <li>Working balance: £10,150. Income is currently £610 ahead of 2020 at this time.</li> <li>Greenhouse staging –Tim Bennett to chase company.</li> <li>Rob still to buy coping stones for east wall.</li> </ol>	Ashley Tim Rob

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5	Garden update (John W.)	<ul> <li>1.1 Garden not quite as good as last year. More problems: Blight early. Sowing since 19<sup>th</sup> June not flourishing (beetroot, brassicas and others) which is having quite an impact. Not known why. Perhaps compost? Also Badger activity in the sweetcorn. Some damage done. More problems and less active members overall.</li> <li>1.2 Purchased 150 Cauliflower plants and 100 calabrese to make up for the difficulties mentioned above.</li> <li>1.3 Cabbages, runner beans etc very good</li> <li>1.4 Chard apparently mistaken for rhubarb!</li> <li>1.5 Excellent turn out by members to strip tops off the potatoes (because of blight) following plea sent out by Carolyn and Ashley</li> <li>1.6 Flowers fantastic</li> <li>1.7 Soft fruit very good but not enough picked.</li> <li>2. Trip Hazards; Gerry to trial using paint to mark beds to replace small posts. Rob to look into what paint to use</li> </ul>	John
			Gerry Rob
6	Allotments - update (Michael)	Not a lot to report. New number on gate lock and three or so on allotment waiting list.	Michael
7	G+F Website & Comms. (Ashley)	John W. has done August update which is on website. Gerry doing quarterly updates which have been put on website. Allotments report also updated.	Ashley
8.	Building team update (Rob)	<ol> <li>Building team on holiday or in new house etc</li> <li>Rob strimming daffodil area so the daffodils can grow up through grass next to Nelly's allotment.</li> </ol>	
9	Wildlife – update (Gerry)	<ol> <li>Nothing much to report.</li> <li>Very few dragonflies round the pond although lots of larvae in the pond. Perhaps due to the weather conditions.</li> <li>A wolf spring tine rake would be useful. It would cost £25. Approved by all. Ashley to order.</li> </ol>	Gerry Ashley
10.	Farmers' Market	Saturday18th September A team is being put together to run stall	All
11.	Potting Shed	<ol> <li>Left over crops and waste should be removed to the composting area on Saturdays rather than being left until Tuesday</li> <li>We need to be more tidy in the potting shed so a big clear out in the Autumn is planned.</li> <li>Kitchen supplies. No real system in place. At the moment no teabags. Ray to source some through his son-in-law.</li> <li>Unwanted garden donations. An entry will be put on the website requesting that any potential donors check with us that we actually want the donated item before it is delivered to the Garden</li> </ol>	All All Ray All
12.	Walled Garden book	Rob will be the G & F representative at this meeting on Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> August in the Barn at West Horsley Place.	Rob

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AOBAshley: Someone who wants to set up another community garden project in Surrey wants to come and visit the Garden to see how it works. John W will liaise with the person to arrange such a visit.
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Meeting closed: 9.00pm Next Meeting: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.00pm in the Potting Shed . Chairman: Amanda de Haast Minute Taker: John W.