GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING 12th March 2026

Present	Beverley (chair), Rob, Stephen, Jane, Anne, John W, Gerry		
Apologies	John F, Michael, Helena and Ray		
Minute Taker	Mark		
REF	**ITEM**	**NOTES**	**ACTION**
1.	**Minutes of Last Meeting**	One minor change: In item 8 "adapting the frame was estimated to be circa £250" £250 should be revised to £350.	
2.	**Matters Arising not covered elsewhere**	None	
3.	**Garden Report:** The Farnham Community Farm visit by a number of members was very useful and they were very helpful. The primary reason for this visit was to review their irrigation system. Based on this the irrigation trial will use "T tape" rather than drip hose. The main reason being "T tape" is cheaper. However, there were also concerns that drip hoses may have BPA (Bisphenol A) in them. (It acts as a hormone disrupter with risks arising from migration into food). Stand pipes for the irrigation system will be put in and work has started on that. We are well prepared to start sowing potatoes and onions. We need a bit more manure which has been ordered. 3rd Pea cage is now being installed. There has been a stock take on the mesh, 80% done. One mesh has been repaired by stitching holes. 2 were beyond repair. More volunteers needed to help with repairs.		John
4.	**Company Secretary Issues:** Nothing to report.		
5.	**Finance Report:** Sales to members in February 2026 totalled £485 compared with £430 in January 2026 and £330 in February 2025. Expenditure during January 26 totaled £719, the major purchase being the bulk of this year's seeds. The new Polytunnel will be bought in March (at the time of writing these minutes the Polytunnel has been bought)		
6.	**Website, Communications etc.:** The website is up to date, with various pages being revised and the newsletter added. The newsletter went out, 60% of the members opened the email and 30% opened the newsletter. Grace and Flavour noticeboard at Sainsburys in East Horsley village: John W commented that the notices on this board were out of date and not in good condition. It needs a volunteer or volunteers to look after it and update it regularly every 3 months. This would be raised at the coffee breaks to seek volunteer(s). If no volunteers are forthcoming it is probably not worth maintaining the noticeboard.		John
7.	**Allotments Report:** - Have had a second delivery of manure organised by John. - New plotholder has a half plot and been clearing it and starting cultivating. - Previously advised plot swap - still in a state of flux. - Will be turning water on and filling dip tanks this month.		

	- Will be seeking volunteers for the mowing rota and issuing that towards the end of the month. - Padlock number changed.	
8.	**Estate Management Report:** A third polytunnel has been bought (as of 16th March) and will be erected at the end of March. A new set of standpipes will be positioned on either side of the lavender walk. Pipework and fittings will be ordered for these news standpipes. New pea cage is up. Rob is proposing that on the main path from the car park to the garden (past the allotments) that the railway sleepers are replaced with a concrete slab.	Rob
9.	**Health and Safety Report**: Use of Defibrillator: Lessons to be arranged. New defibrillator pads have been ordered (£50) The defibrillator has been registered on the circuit.	Rob
10.	**Wildlife Report:** All birdboxes now okay. The bee slope will go because of the new polytunnel. There was some discussion on locating it somewhere else.	
12.	**AOB** **Climate Action Network** Beverley attended the meeting in March. From 6th to 14th June there is a national event: "Great Big Green Week". The Climate Action Network were looking at how they can contribute to this. This is in its early stages, but they would like to showcase Grace and Flavour. There would be significant issues with this that would need to be reviewed further. **Trees:** Tony Rogers, West Horsley Parish Council has advised that the parish council are prepared to offer some money to purchase some trees for the community garden. Some concerns have been raised about this. If we did get trees it was agreed it would be fruit trees and we would have to decide where to plant them. Any tree, ideally should be planted now or next winter. John agreed to discuss with Roman (NT) and get back to Tony Rogers. **Constitution and Articles of Association:** Do we need a constitution? Bob Spackman is in discussion with Clive Roberston and he will be visiting on 28th March to advise. We have Articles of Association which conflict with the existing Constitution which is out of date. Probably The Articles of Association are enough and we do not need a Constitution.	

Next Meeting: Thursday 9th April 7.30pm, in the Wesley Room

Chair: Beverley **Minute Taker:** Anne