GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING 09th April 2026

Present	Beverley (chair), Rob, Stephen, Jane, John W, Gerry, Michael, Helena, Mark and Ray		
Apologies	(for late arrival) John F,		
Minute Taker	Anne		
REF	**ITEM**	**NOTES**	**ACTION**
1.	**Minutes of Last Meeting**	Accepted	
2.	**Matters Arising not covered elsewhere**	None	
3.	**Garden Report:** Sowing and planting are overall going to plan with weeds under control at the moment and optimism that the fruit blossom escaped the recent frost, so we are in good shape for the time of year. Netting for pea cage and new fleece has been purchased. Discussion ongoing regarding moving the perennial flower beds as there is too much bindweed in the current east side beds. Members of the watering team are planning to return to Farnham Community Garden with more questions for them on their watering system.		John
4.	**Company Secretary:** The company statement is due for filing. Personal codes needed from Ray, Rob and John W to complete this. (John W supplied before minutes complete).		Ray Rob
5.	**Finance Report:** Sales to members in March 2026 totaled £549 compared with £343 in March 2025and £493 in February 2026. A fabulous crop of daffodils and good leeks this year probably helped boost income. Expenditure during March 26 totaled £1557 (excluding polytunnel purchase). The main items bought were a new dip tank with fittings for the allotments; piping and fittings for the new standpipes and an extension of the pea/fruit cage with netting. Thanks are recorded to the Community Foundation of Surrey for the polytunnel grant and to Amanda de Haast for her kind donation of a pea/fruit cage.		
6.	**Website, Communications etc.:** The website is up to date. Thanks go to Patrick for drafting material for the G&F notice board in East Horsley village. John to discuss minor changes with Patrick. A Newsletter is needed to remind about the upcoming OGM (Sat 9th May) (Already complete)		John Beverley
7.	**Allotments Report:** One plot swap and one new allotment holder. There is now no waiting list. The lawn mower has been serviced and the mowing rota issued. Thank you to people who have volunteered to take on this task. The possible acquisition of a larger mower was discussed. Allotment dip tanks with sticky ball valves are being investigated.		Ray

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	The last tank covers are ready for painting. More rubbish from the corner of the car park will be cleared by Michael. (Already complete)	Rob Michael
8.	**Estate Management Report:** All metalwork for the polytunnel is complete. Timbers side to allow for ventilation next. Irrigation standpipes need fittings before trial can start. The timber bridge on the entrance path is in poor condition. Proposal is to replace it with a concrete slab to protect the underlying pipework. Work to start in the autumn.	Rob
9.	**Health and Safety Report**: The new AED pads have a wide operating temperature. Decision made to continue to remove the device during predicted cold nights in the winter. H&S rep on governance notice to be changed from Gerry to Rob. Tangles of yellow watering hoses are causing trip hazards in the garden. This will be largely resolved with the new watering system & standpipes. In the meantime, volunteers are to be asked, at tea break, to be mindful of the trip potential.	Gerry John
10.	**Wildlife Report:** The divots produced by the horses have been filled. Hazel trees in NW corner growing well Ray to ask Trevor when they should be pruned. Tree guards to be removed once brush cutting complete. Those on the east hedge have already been largely removed. An alternative location for the Bee Slope is being considered.	Ray Gerry
12.	**AOB:** 1) OGM Saturday 9th May at 12:00 in the garden. 2) We will request the possible donation of trees to hold until the autumn as a better time to plant. 3) Advice has been received that we do not need a constitution so this will be archived and mentions of it (if any) on website or in membership forms will be removed. We have Articles of Association. 4) The naming of the polytunnels was discussed and decision made to call them 'North, Middle & South' as most practical. 5) Chris Janey has again asked for the garden to be opened for 'Green Week'. It was agreed that we may be able to open on a very informal basis on the afternoons of Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th June on the understanding that we have little car parking space. Directors will try and cover the opening times to ensure someone is on site. 6) JH has found a website where it is possible to order woodchip. RT has contacted Rob Grist as another possible source of the material. Meeting closed at 21:15	John Mark All

Next Meeting: OGM 9th May in The Garden

Chairman: Beverley **Minute Taker:** John F