GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING 10th July 2025

Present	Beverley (chair), Ray, Michael, Rob, Helena, Stephen, Jane, Mark, Anne, John W, John F		
Apologies	Gerry		
Minute Taker	John W		
REF	**ITEM**	**NOTES**	**ACTION**
1.	**Minutes of Last Meeting**	They were agreed	
2.	**Matters Arising not covered elsewhere**	1. Companies House Return issues – carried over 2. Vegetable Box has been given to Jeremy Miles and Brian Manners. 3. The new member who had difficulties joining on line has never appeared. 4. Summer Social was successful but only about 16-17 attended. 5. Rough cutting under the limes will take place in the autumn 6. Open Day – no need for sign concerning Radio Woking as we already have an appropriate sign 7. CPR / Defib Training – Kim Tolley from NHS South East Ambulance Service has offered to do a training course at the garden. The battery in the defibrillator is self-checking, but we will apply for a grant when it is appropriate, probably next year. 8. RAC visit on 21st July is organized 9. NT visit by Suzanne Harold expressing concerns re trees and walls Is ongoing	Gerry / Michael Rob ? to contact Kim T RT trim by North Wall
3.	**Garden Report:** The most challenging year due to the lack of rain and increase in pests particularly caterpillars and flea beetle. The garden is not as attractive as in previous years. It was suggested we should have a few extra work days to prepare for Open Day. John to ask Gerry to advertise the days		John
4.	**Company Secretary Issues:** Nothing to report		

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5.	**Finance Report:** The value of sales to members during May 2025 was £897 compared with £659 in May 2024 and £598 in June 2024. The accelerated growth in sales reflects a good attendance of members and an earlier start to the cropping season. Our thanks are recorded to Jeremy Miles from whom we received a grant of £60 in June towards our annual Rent. Expenditure in total this June was £437 with compost, water, and maintenance materials being the main items. The resulting net surplus for the month was £460, increasing our current account balance to £6,570 at the end of June 2025. The sum on deposit in our operating reserve remains unchanged at £9036. It is noted that the continued warm dry weather has increased water use and is estimated to increase water costs to be paid in July to around £240. Jeremy Miles and our auditor Brian Manners both expressed their thanks to the Directors of Grace and Flavour for their vegetable boxes	
6.	**Website, Communications etc.:** Nothing to report	
7.	**Allotments Report:** One half of an allotment has become available. Michael will send an e mail reminding allotment holders of the Open Day	MT
8.	**Building Team Report:** The building team have virtually finished the bridge by the pond. They will concrete the path up to the bridge after Open Day. They will put yellow and black tape on the small step. They have repaired the staging in the greenhouse.	Rob
9.	**Wildlife Report**: Deferred to next meeting as Gerry absent.	
10.	**Health & Safety:** **Tom Suffolk** tripped over the wall coming from the allotments and gashed his leg badly. We should encourage people to use steps or grass path. The path should be mown. As a result of the incident, the first aid box was checked and has since been topped up	
11.	**Open Day** **Stephen Isaac** to cut the grass next week We may need to have a hose and trugs ready in case of a grass fire The rota for the day is finished and a list of the last week tasks has been prepared Carolyn is at Ripley Farmers Market to advertise the day on Saturday 12th July	
12.	**AOB** We need a back up to Gerry who can use Mail Chimp. Tony M knows how to use it but does not want to be involved in making the content. Beverley will perhaps learn how to use.	Beverley

Next Meeting: Thursday 14th August 2025 7.30pm, at the garden

Chairman: Gerry Robbins **Minute Taker:** Beverley