

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 13th January 2022 at 7.30pm

	PRESENT	Amanda de Haast (Chair) (AdH) John Whitlock (JW) Ashley Brown (AB) Ray Beard (RB) Helena Stuart-Matthews (HSM) Michael Trower (MT) Rob Treble (RT) Vicky Rutherford (VR) Gerry Robbins (GR) Carolyn Whitfield (CW) John Fluker (JF) Minute taker	
	APOLOGIES	Nicki Douet (ND)	
REF	ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	Meeting venue	Zoom	
2.	(a) Minutes of Last Meeting (Oct) (b) Announcements	Approved for signature by the Chairman. CW welcomed to her first meeting having been voted in in December as a Director of G&F. AB to send Companies House forms.	AB
3.	Actions from last meeting		
	3.1 Defibrillator pads and First Aid Kit	Pads acquired and first aid kit next to defibrillator	Complete
	3.2 Greenhouse staging	Tim has now contacted supplier and is awaiting a quote	Ongoing
	3.3 Large Rotivator	AB has mentioned to David that the Rotivator needs to be sold and understands that David knows someone who is interested.	AB
	3.4 Trip Hazards	(1)RT confirmed that the bed marking with masonry paint is now completed and that the wooden stakes have been removed. (2)RT confirmed that the racking/staging for poles etc has been completed but that Trevor seems reluctant to use it due to potential rotting of poles when horizontal. RT to speak further with Trevor and will suggest covering poles etc with a tarpaulin. The poles are at the moment leaning against the wall and whilst they should not be there RT confirmed that they would not cause any damage to the wall.	Complete RT

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3.5	Coppicing	<p>AdH confirmed that two sources are possible: 1. West Horsley Place (WHP). AdH has contact and will find out more. Both Matt and Charlie at WHP have chainsaw licences. 2. Surrey County Council (SCC) and the contractor who now deals with the coppicing of Sheeples. Cara is the contact at SCC but this is not so straightforward because the contractor may well not want us involved. JW said that he believed that we might already have enough bean poles but that we might well need peasticks. He would talk to Trevor.</p>	<p>AdH Ongoing JW</p>
3.6	Next of Kin cards	<p>AB will send out a reminder in the next newsletter. The details can be filled in at the top of the skills sheet which all those working in the Garden should complete.</p>	<p>AB</p>
3.7	Sales Price List	<p>The date of the list is 5th November 2011 and it was agreed that this was OK for the moment. AB confirmed that Justine was happy to continue updating as needed.</p>	
3.8	Additional Hedging	<p>GR confirmed that he had almost finished planting the last of the Hawthorn this morning. There was now a bit of a gap at the end nearest the potting shed but GR felt that this could be randomly filled with dog roses. Other plants including Hawthorn could be added later if necessary (GR will check what might be needed: possibly 10-12 plants). Two Spindleberrys donated by Tim have been added in line with the existing Rowans. The adjoining allotment-holders are apparently very happy with what has been done.</p>	<p>GR</p>
3.9	Potting Shed Tidy	<p>The original intention was that it should be completed in poor weather during the winter but JW feels that a date should be set and it was agreed that this should be Saturday 12th February 2022. A skip may be needed which can be sourced at short notice although it is quite an expensive way of disposing of rubbish.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
4	Finance report (AB): (Attached)	<p>The working balance is £12,764. In the bank £8135, cash to bank £75, EHPC allotment payment outstanding £620 and the contingency fund of £4,000. All other allotment fees received in full. Actual position much as forecast and in line with previous years. An excellent start to the year. With regard to outgoing JW said that the fruit bushes may work out to be more expensive than expected as 64 are required and some cost as much as £9.00 This should not be a problem as we have sufficient funds to cover this. With regard to further drainage works for the allotments we might look to the two Parish Councils for a grant.</p>	<p>AB</p>

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5	Garden update (JW)	<p>Not a great deal to do at the Garden at the moment except for manuring, weeding and tidying. The crunch period will come later in the year as we will start sowing in a month's time. Crops are beginning to reduce e.g. cabbages and carrots will end shortly, slightly earlier than usual because we planted less this year. Leeks should last between one and two months more but this is earlier than last year as the mid season leeks were smaller and therefore weighed less requiring more leeks to make up a portion. Soon we should have sprouting broccoli and spring cauliflower.</p> <p>All seeds, seed potatoes and onions have been ordered and the new rhubarb has been delivered. Meanwhile the garlic and onions already planted are doing well. A final decision on all the varieties of fruit bushes will be made shortly as these need to be planted on an area of the old organic side of the Garden before the end of March. The fruit cage will not be moved until this time next year as we will need the existing bushes to produce fruit for this year. AB to mention this in the next newsletter.</p> <p>We had problems with compost from late June onwards which may have been caused by the compost itself, the weather, a drainage issue or uneven watering. However no clear conclusion has been reached so we will continue to use Sylvagrow for the moment and monitor the situation carefully, as the alternatives are very expensive. Perhaps we may do a trial of alternatives.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>AB</p>
6	Allotments	<p>Not much to report. Padlock number changed.</p> <p>There has already been one manure delivery for the allotments and another is to follow this Saturday.</p> <p>The allotment management fee payable by EHPC is outstanding but will be paid shortly. We had apparently been overlooked.</p>	MT
7	G+F Website & Communications (AB)	<p>Website all up to date including OGM, AGM etc Newsletter will be sent out shortly. Do we have dates for events? See 10 below.</p> <p>Five volunteer offers received (one came on Tuesday) See 11 below.</p>	AB

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8	Building team update (RT)	<p>Very quiet so far this year. Raising of the staging in the northern polytunnel will start this Saturday The building team will help GR with hedging (Trevor with long hedge trimmer) Pea cage will be moved when required. There is also a little concreting job to do which will provide steps from the Garden to the allotments by the bay hedge. As we are trying to cut down on the work in the Garden it has been agree to reduce the Laurel hedge at the back of the potting shed next to the allotments to one foot. GR said that he had no objection from a wildlife point of view so long as it was carried out before late February. Finally the laurel hedge between Ripley lane and the car park is due for its biennial cut.</p>	RT
9.	Wildlife	<p>Not much to add. GW would like to find someone who has a self powered moth trap to set up in the wildlife garden to see what species of moths we may have at G & F. It would involve a bright light shining on a white sheet and it was felt that we should inform our neighbours, although as it would be a one off we could not see that they could reasonably object. GW thought that the Butterfly Conservation people might be the first port of call for this.</p>	GR & AB
10	Calendar	<p>The following dates were proposed for this year's events: OGM – Saturday 14th May 1pm at G&F Ripley Farmers' Market stall – Saturday 11th June (CW checking available dates. JW suggests July might be better) Summer Social – Saturday 2nd July 6-8pm at G&F Allotment Holders party? (invite to summer social?) Horsley Garden Society Annual Show – Saturday 16th July Pot Luck Lunch – Saturday 6th August West Horsley Fete – Sunday 11th September Apple Pressing – During September as apples become available Harvest Festival (St Marys? – AdH to check) and Squash Lunch – Saturday 15th October AGM- Thursday 10th November West Horsley Village Hall Winter Warmer - Date TBC in December</p>	AB/ND CW

