

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING

Directors' Meeting 13th February, 2020.

Place:	The Wesley Room, Methodist Church
Directors Present:	Amanda de Haast, Ray Beard, Ashley Brown, Nicki Douet, John Whitlock, Bob Spackman, Michael Trower, Robin Satow, Rob Treble
Apologies:	Helena Stuart Matthews and John Fluker
Chairman:	Amanda de Haast
Minute Taker:	John Whitlock
Agenda Item	
1.0 Apologies for absence.	
As above.	
2.0 Minutes of last meeting	
Accepted as true record of proceedings.	
3.0 Actions from last meeting	
3.1	Documentation – Nicki to continue to ask for the documents from Su Johnston. Action: Nicki to continue to chase Su Johnston
3.2	NT Visit / Wall Report – Rob confirmed that the project was completed prior to Storm Ciara. Expenditure is well within budget. NT will sign it off when they come to a meeting on 5 th March. However Rob would like to add some expansion joints at added cost below £500. Action Rob to contact Martin Archer at NT prior to the 5th March meeting to put forward his suggestion
3.3	G&F Ecological Report - Gerry and Pat Robbins, John Whitlock and Ashley Brown reviewed and updated the Sustainability and Ecological Report. This has been reviewed and passed. In future any significant changes to these reports need to be agreed by the directors meeting.
3.4	Purchase of new boiler. Ray after investigation and research believes it is uneconomical to repair the boiler. We can purchase a new boiler from Nisbets for £199 less a minimum of 10%. It was agreed for the purchase of new one to go ahead. The old boiler will be retained but the square one will be disposed of. Ray also to purchase a carbon monoxide and smoke detector. Action Ray to purchase items
3.5	Coppicing. This will take place on Thursday 20 th about 10 people have offered to help. Tony Millichip will use his van to transport the sticks
3.6	Wildlife 6 new bird boxes have been put up. The pond is still an issue. Pat and Gerry Robbins happy to help but it was felt we could benefit from some greater expertise. Action Robin to ask SWT about possible advice
3.7	Rules and Regulations Review Ashley has revised this document and it has been circulated to the committee. We need to consider which regulations we are not adhering to e.g. need for more risk assessments, first aid coordinator, and to note the capabilities of members. Action. Agenda item at the next meeting It was agreed to put these rules and regulations on the allotment noticeboard and in the potting shed. However the allotment noticeboard needs updating. Action Rob to update noticeboard

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3.8	Horsley Market Update Ray has discovered the cost of a stall will be £30. We have decided it is not economical for us to have a stall. Also there would be a need to alter the time and the way we crop which was not thought to be viable.
3.9	Events calendar – 2 changes from the list agreed previously AGM will now be in Club Room at EVH on 26 th November Baked Potato Lunch is on 12 th December
4.0	Finance Report (Ashley)
4:1	Report tabled at the meeting.
4:2	Expenses policy. New policy accepted. Action Ashley to put the policy it on website.
5.1	Garden Update
	Fruit trees – the Dana-Leigh courses have been completed for the winter. The pruning is almost complete. Summer pruning will take place late July and August. We may use Wednesday evenings to help complete this. Labelling – improved labelling will be emphasised Garden Plan – Would be ideal if the garden plan could be displayed in the potting shed. Action Bob to produce an outline, John W to complete
5:2	Rats (and rabbits) control. Robin reported that NT use an outside contractor. We will only be able to use ½ strength bait. We agreed to continue with our present methods particularly closer to sweet corn time. Weeds a new bonfire site outside the walls has been positioned. Non-invasive weeds should be spread carefully between the lime trees away from the trunks.
6.0	Allotments The West Horsley Parish Council rep is being changed to Sally Newman. She will visit the site with Michael Trower on Monday 17 th March. She has advised him that there may be extra S106 money available with the new building work taking place in Horsley. All allotments now have a number sign on their sites. Action Michael to put an updated allotment site plan on the new noticeboard.
7.0	Website (Ashley) – Ashley to update calendar dates on the website. Action Ashley to send a newsletter shortly
8.0	Rules & Regulations review. See under actions from last meeting
9.0	Building Team – update. As stated earlier in these minutes the wall work has been completed. The team has repaired the fence damaged by fallen trees from Dene Place.
10.0	Dead Hedge – an article about dead hedges was circulated to directors prior to the meeting. It was agreed to start one in the north west wildlife corner.
11.0	Borehole Robin had been inspired by EH Bowling Club having installed one 12 years ago. It was thought that there would be difficulties running hoses from a borehole. Costs may be high. Action Robin to investigate further and report back to the committee
12.0	Fallen tree 2 small fallen trees have been dealt with. An apple tree possibly needs felling. The mulberry tree needs looking at. Action ?????

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13.0	AOCB. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Robin reported that the NT does not have a suggested pesticide list. It believes all pesticides are inadvisable.
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Meeting concluded at 9:30 pm

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 12th March, 2020 – 7:30pm – Wesley Room WHVH.

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G&F Village Fete Report: September 2019

Pre-Fete:

Having a lead fete team was brilliant. Jane, Carolyn and Lyn. We were able to divide the roles and share the load before the fete and on the day. Behind the scenes Nicki helped with set up of game and various conversations could be had at the garden with John W, Helena and volunteers.

Set Up:

Sign up sheets were great and all slots filled.

Enough people on site 9.30am

Massive help was vegetables arriving nice and early. Luckily Bruce Edwards arrived and offered to help and weighed produce into pots/punnets. Think he arrived about 10.30am.

Photo boards hung with wire made set up much easier.

Behind the scenes back at the garden was equally important. Jane had contact with John W.

Helena was busy preparing flowers and herbs. Helena had also found and supplied resources for the miniature garden competition, many thanks. We were receiving produce and a big thank you to the croppers. Update needed from John W. on cropping and if there were enough people.

Stall:

Extra table behind gazebo was brilliant. Added benefit could store produce underneath until ready to weigh for top up of sales.

Volunteers: All turned up promptly for their sign up time and gave extra time outside the allotted hour. A big thank you and much appreciated.

Vegetables Sales:

Printed sheet of adjusted vegetables and quantities continues to work well.

£1 & 50p pots and punnets great.

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One item unexpectedly available to sell was Romanesco.

Flowers & Herbs:

Herbs did not sell well. Sunflowers looked fabulous on the stall and most sold.

Treasure Hunt Game:

The game had been adjusted to include 20 prizes. Still needs further adjustment as there were long periods of no prize winners. Maybe more lower value sweets to improve chances for children.

Selection of low value and some higher value prizes worked well.

Miniature Garden Competition:

A great success. Thank you Amanda and Robin for judging. Nicky Webber enjoyed meeting you and judging with you both. Possibly link in with another community group/organisation in 2021.

Village Fete 2021:

Add to sign up sheet: 10.30am – Delivery of produce with someone to weigh them.

Suggestions: Recipes for Chard. Maybe give herbs away with a leaflet

Lead Team: Two of the team, Lyn and Jane, will be stepping down to pursue other interests at the fete. This will provide an opportunity for new ideas and a fresh approach from the new team.

Fete Box: Box with useful items and item list inside. (Jane's Loft)