

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING

Minutes Thursday 11th February 2021: at 7.30pm (Zoom Meeting)

REF	ITEM	ACTION
Present	Amanda -Chair: Helena, Nicki, Ray, Ashley, John W, Robin, Gerry, Rob, Michael, Bob and John F	
Minute Taker	John Fluker	
1	Apologies: None	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting: Accepted and signed by Amanda.	
3.	Actions from last meeting	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rules and regulations: All OK. 2. Evacuation Procedures: Still to go up on wall in potting shed. Accident Book: Immediate action by Ray. Insurance skill sheets: In potting shed but need new cover to remind people that they need to sign up annually: Action by Nicki. 3. First aiders: Ray is looking into an online course by the Red Cross in Woking. Defibrillators - Spare pads needed: Action by Ashley 4. Covid 19: Reminder in newsletter. Action completed 5. Pea Sticks and Bean Poles: Season's requirements obtained from bottom corner of Sheepleaze by Robin and John Francis with his van where already cut by coppicer, John Sinclair. Some may be brittle as cut last year but 70 or more bean poles and 10-15 more pea stick bundles still there. John W suggests collecting them anyway as he has a new idea for broad bean support using criss cross pattern string and more poles 6. G and F website review: Ongoing to complete early March. Please send comments/thoughts as to content to Ashley. Rob suggested that the August Wildlife report and the September Garden Report should be archived and replaced by current reports as these were both from 2020. John W confirmed that he would produce a Garden report and asked John F for a suitable photo. John would do monthly garden reports and Gerry would do quarterly wildlife reports. 7. The fate of the ex-compost loo shed was left for future discussion 8. Most of the hedging for the wildlife corridor has arrived. There are 20 whips to follow (Field maples and beech). Tom has volunteered to help plant them. Sally Newman from the W H Parish Council visited G & F last Saturday and is keen that the hedging should be named. Gerry is going to write 50-100 words for the Parish Newsletter. Amanda has taken photos. 	<p>Ray Nicki</p> <p>Ray Ashley</p> <p>Robin</p> <p>Ashley</p> <p>John W John F Gerry</p> <p>Gerry</p>
4	Finance report: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Papers issued before meeting and attached to these minutes. 2. All satisfactory at the moment despite lower sales due to Covid 19 3. John W confirmed that he had bought all seeds etc but might need some more compost in due course. 	Ashley

5	<p>Garden update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General update on garden. Not much to say. Thanks to Ray for looking after things while John W was out of action. Good crops and no major adverse issues generally quite the opposites. Lots of cauliflowers to come in March and April. Polytunnels good but will improve with more light and warmth. There will be no sowing as had been planned due to the forecast of very low temperatures. 2. The woodchip that has arrived is for the allotments and Michael will send out an e-mail to them. Gerry needs and will take three barrow loads from this pile. We will however need some more as John wants to experiment with wood chipping some of the paths between beds. 3. Ashley confirmed that no start would be made as yet with the fruit tree pruning but that he would be in touch with those previously involved as soon as the weather improves although there should not be a huge amount to do as we did quite a thorough job in the Autumn 4. Helena confirmed that she felt that she had a good balance with the flowers in view of what could be sold and she space she has to use. 5. Robin was concerned that there might be a conflict between a wood chip delivery and the Spring delivery of manure but John W confirmed that any Spring delivery was some months away and a conflict should not arise. 	John W Michael Ashley Helena
6	<p>Allotments -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Good news: Both Parish Councils have confirmed the new agreements by e-mail. Sam Pinder the West Horsley parish clerk has left and Joanna Cadman is dealing with this for West Horsley. 2. East Horsley P C have already paid the old amount and there is therefore £50-60 to pay. 3. West Horsley P C has not yet paid so the full amount is due 	Michael
7	<p>G+F Website and Communications</p> <p>Nothing to add to 3.6 above.</p>	Ashley
8	<p>Building Team</p> <p>Nothing to add. Bruce and Rob hibernating.</p>	Rob
9	<p>Wildlife:</p> <p>A place needs to be found for the large tree stump dug out from next to the north polytunnel. It needs to be dug in a foot down for beetle larvae etc. Nowhere has yet been chosen so all are asked to have a look for somewhere suitable. Rob warned that there was a land drain that needed to be avoided where the north wall cranks into the garden west of the pond</p>	All and Gerry
10	<p>Poly tunnel cover:</p> <p>Bob asked John W what was the optimum time to replace the cover. John W confirmed completion needed by the end of March so work should ideally be commenced in early March. Some roof battens will need to be purchased but the work should only take a couple of days. There was some discussion as to why one tunnel was much drier than the other but no firm conclusion was reached.</p>	Nicki
11	<p>Duke of Edinburgh Students</p> <p>Amanda has received an e-mail from Tommy, an East Horsley resident who is 15 years old and is at school at the Howard in Effingham. Amanda was very impressed by the e-mail and was keen that we should try to be positive about taking on D of E students. Clearly we could not do so at the moment with Covid 19 restrictions in place but perhaps by the end of April/beginning of May. With regard to numbers two or perhaps three might be possible. Masks to be worn if within one metre of anyone otherwise distancing should be two metres.</p> <p>Ashley also mentioned an approach by someone hoping to set up a community garden who was looking for advice. Clearly at the moment a visit was not possible so a Zoom meeting or phone call will be set up.</p>	Amanda John W Ashley

AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gerry: Photo from Amanda.2. Bob: Two wheelbarrows with flat tyres. Cost to repair about £30 for the two. Approved. (Delivery expected this weekend)3. Ashley: Justin has produced a new price list (copy attached to minutes) which will be put up in the Potting Shed.4. Robin has joined the Effingham Junction Improvement Committee run by Martha Jessop but nothing much can be done at the moment due to Covid 19.5. Amanda proposed that the four year term of the Chairman should be reduced to three years and that she would like to step down at the end of her now three year term with Robin then becoming chairman. This was unanimously agreed by a show of hands.	
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Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 11th March 2021 via Zoom at 7.30pm.

Host : Amanda via Zoom

Chairman: Amanda de Haast Minute Taker: Robin Satow