

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 10th February 2022: at 7.30pm

Present: John F (Chair), John W, Ray, Ashley, Michael, Gerry, John F, Vicki and Carolyn
Apologies: Rob, Helena Amanda and Nikki

REF	ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	Meeting venue	Methodist Hall	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting (January)	Approved	
3.	Actions from last meeting		
1	Greenhouse Staging	Tim has asked for a quote - Ongoing	JW
2	Large Rotavator	Ongoing	AB
3	Racking for Bean Poles	Trevor who looks after the bean poles is aware of the racking.	
4.	Coppicing	Trevor W to liaise with John Sinclair who has the license for working the Sheepleas - ongoing	AdH
5.	Spring Clean on February 12th	Agreed not to advertise the morning clean as it was felt a small group would work more effectively.	
6.	Calendar 2022	Agreed to publish the dates and add any additional dates or corrections later.	AB
7.	AONB	Consultation completed and some members have submitted their support.	
8	Milk rota	It is working well – thank you Gerry and Pat	
9	Beverley – Accident	A number of methods have been suggested to cover stakes. E.g. Yoghurt pots, tomato puree tins and fluorescent paint. We will try a range of methods to see how they work. The incident was written up in the accident report book.	All - JW
10	WI Link Tea	Carolyn has organised a team of 4 to represent the garden at the WI event. Amanda, Jane and Sandy to	
4	Finance report (Attached)	We have a working balance of £11,841. Income and expenditure are basically on track with Ashley's predictions. Asparagus may be bought (see below) Michael has located 77 steel pins, at present we do not	

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5		Garden update	Soft fruit and rhubarb have been purchased. Rhubarb and blackcurrants have been planted so far. Discussion re another asparagus bed. John and Ray to decide if we have sufficient space. Discussion re compost. Agreed to trial the use of vermiculite, Ashley to buy a bag.	JW RB AB
6		Allotments - update (Michael)	A new lock has been purchased and put on the gate.	
7		G+F Website & Comms. (Ashley)	Little to report. February Head Gardeners report has been published. MT highlighted that anyone can post on the Facebook page.	
8.		Building team update (Rob)	RT absent but reported that the building team were removing the suckers from the lime trees	
9		Wildlife – update (Gerry)	All the bird boxes have been cleaned and put in place including 3 extra tit boxes. At present Gerry has not had any success in getting the loan of a moth trap but he is still pursuing possibilities. A box has been placed on the ash tree. It was felt that this tree which is suffering from ash dieback would not be felled this year.	
10.		Lime Trees	These will be considered for pollarding again next year.	
11.		AOB	Michael brought attention to the general invite to help with tree planting to take place at Hatchlands on February 20 th .. It was agreed an e mail highlighting the event should be sent.	MT

Meeting closed: 8.50pm Next Meeting: Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

Chairman: Amanda de Haast Minute Keeper: Gerry Robbins