

## GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING

**Minutes Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021: at 7.30pm (Zoom Meeting)**

REF	ITEM	ACTION
Present	Amanda -Chair: Helena, Nicki, Ray, Ashley, Robin, Gerry, Rob, Michael, Bob, John F., John W.	
Minute Taker	Robin Satow	
1	<b>Apologies</b> : None	
2.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting:</b> Accepted and signed by Amanda.	
3.	<b>Actions from last meeting</b>	
1	<b>Outstanding comments on RAs/policies/First Aiders/regulations.</b> (Ashley)  Ashley is still chasing supply of replacement defibrillator pads.	Ashley
2	<b>Covid 19 guidelines – update.</b> (Amanda)  Done. Circulated with latest Newsletter. Applies until 17 May. Max. 15 in the garden at any one time (but must still be signed in via calendar)	
3	<b>Pea sticks &amp; bean poles - update.</b> (Robin) Of the 330 poles from Sheepleas, 20 & 35 have been used for broad bean beds “matrix” and one “6 ft. variety” peas bed in fruit cage. Still approx.. 200 on pallet “table” behind West wall, and Amanda will shortly have some available (freshly cut). Pea sticks stock probably OK; again, some coming from Amanda. Overall supply should then be OK. Further metal frame supports for runner and other beans – available from Challenge Fencing (but need to check compatibility with blacksmith-made stock at the Garden). Robin to ask Trevor if blacksmith is back at work and can quote. We could also purchase some 1 ½” square timber posts – John W. to seek price.	Robin John W.
4	<b>G&amp;F website review.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Sponsors.</b> Can be removed – Clive Robertson/Seddons, Tozers Seeds, Challenge Fencing, Suttons Seeds. HCPS to be added (Robin or Rob will mention at their next meeting on 17/03).</li> <li>b. <b>Check logos.</b></li> <li>c. <b>About Us.</b> Gerry suggested a much briefer text – a “vision” – he will draft.</li> <li>d. <b>History text</b> to be moved to become “annex” to Garden section.</li> <li>e. <b>“Strapline”</b> – needs to be sub-title to main G&amp;F title, and to include mention of individual allotments.</li> <li>f. <b>Gallery</b> – 2021 Events Calendar to be added (see Agenda item 12., below). To have separate tab as do Events and Meetings.</li> <li>g. <b>Attendance bookings calendar.</b> Leave as is, but review possible removal when Covid restrictions are fully removed.</li> </ul> Ashley was warmly thanked for his work in updating the website. Confirmed that social media links are also now included.	Ashley  Ashley Gerry (done) Ashley Ashley Ashley Nicki/ Ashley
5	<b>Duke of Edinburgh student.</b> Amanda confirmed that she will contact him just after Easter.	Amanda
6	<b>Former loo shed.</b> Reprieved!	
7	<b>Wildlife corridor planting/WHPC article.</b> Completed, and submitted, respectively. Article is also going to Horsley Directory. Articles also pending in Surrey Life (see also item 11.) and West Horsley Parish Council Newsletter.	

4.	<p><b>Finance report:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Update.</b> Ashley reviewed key figures in his report circulated just before the meeting. Nearly £6 k. in the Bank. Working balance just over £9 k. Income now includes full amounts paid by both PCs; total income is £500 more than at same date, last year. Monthly sales are steady.</li> <li><b>Sub finance committee meeting - 4th March 2021.</b> Minor adjustments made to several expenditure items. The remainder of the contents of these Minutes - circulated before this meeting - were taken as read.</li> </ol> <p>Arising from the proposal to allocate 10% of the PCs' contributions to "management" of the allotments, a discussion took place on the "merits" or otherwise of doing so. Ashley emphasised that it would be an accountancy exercise, to recognise the time and not just physical resources devoted by G&amp;F and its Members to <u>manage</u> the waiting lists, and carry out a variety of maintenance tasks (such as dip troughs, mowing, car-park gravel and hedge cutting) as well as occasional capital projects such as drainage and (eventual) perimeter fence replacement. Michael queried the proposal, as the PCs' contribution is for "an annual management fee". Ashley will be happy to explain the move to the PCs, based on this (10%) split <u>demonstrating</u> G&amp;F's management of the allotments.</p> <p>The proposal was <u>approved</u> by a majority on a show of hands, with Michael opposing.</p>	Ashley
5.	<p><b>Garden update</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>General update on garden.</b> John W. confirmed that much sowing had been completed, and all – except for one variety of onions – had germinated well. Planting of onions and potatoes would start shortly. The seasonal "hungry gap" is looming, but some crops will be available (polytunnel salads looking good). Final load of FYM delivery booked for this coming Saturday. A few beds still to be cleared of black sheets. John and Helena are looking for an area to grow more daffodils; also more rhubarb. John commented that, over recent weeks, plenty of Members had been at the garden on Saturdays; far fewer on other days. Garden Sub-Committee – John to arrange. White board, showing all plantings by beds - re-use for 2021 season.</li> <li>Pruning. Completed, although wall wash required.</li> <li>Replacement pear tree to be planted, but existing soil also to be replaced.</li> </ol>	John W. John W. Ashley. Ray
6.	<p><b>Allotments</b> - update (Michael).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PC Agreements</b> : Both PCs have fully paid.</li> <li><b>Water.</b> Michael has cleaned the dip tanks. Water will on next week.</li> <li><b>Mowing rota</b> is in place.</li> <li><b>Ripley Lane hedge.</b> Include trimming West side.</li> <li><b>Ornamental cherry trees.</b> (John F. proposal). Need site meeting to ascertain space available; avoid variety liable to cast shade on any allotments. Could be funded by allotments contingency, fresh bid to PC bequest fund, by G&amp;F or donations. Still looking for mulberry tree.</li> </ol>	Robin et al. John F.
7	<p><b>G+F Website and Communications.</b> See above (3 (4)).</p>	

8	<p><b>Building Team</b> – update (Rob). Nothing to report this month. Confirmed that drainage installation will have to wait until Autumn, as ground is still too wet/growing season is under way (any extension to be funded from 21/22 budget, once approved).</p>	Rob
9.	<p><b>Wildlife update (Gerry).</b> Plant beds adjacent pond have had a clear-out. Equivalent area behind wall to be done. Further “weeding” of pond to be done. Carolyn is in contact with Eddie.</p>	Gerry/ Robin
10.	<p><b>Local householder seeking gardener.</b> Amanda confirmed details are now on latest G&amp;F Newsletter.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Article for Surrey Life (April edition).</b> Publication awaited.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Social Events Calendar.</b> (Draft from Nicki circulated before meeting). Based on 2020 events including dates.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. OGM to be moved to Thurs., 13 May (7-30 pm/Zoom). Ashley to invite Members.</li> <li>b. “Solstice Social”. 26 June, but outdoors, so may be cancelled if bad weather is forecast.</li> <li>c. Allotment holders party. Omit.</li> <li>d. Summer lunch – leave as is.</li> <li>e. Fete. Understand to be “picnic” basis, so G&amp;F sales, competition etc. may not be needed.</li> <li>f. Apple pressing – leave as is.</li> <li>g. 16 October. Leave as is. Minister (Renos Pittarides, St. Martin’s Church, E. Horsley) ) to be invited.</li> <li>h. AGM. Alter date to 18 November. <u>WHVH has now been booked for 7:15 – 9:15 pm on this date.</u></li> <li>i. Baked potato pre-Christmas lunch. 4 or 11 Dec.? Check date of village event.</li> </ol> <p>Revise (DONE!) and then place on website.</p>	Ashley       Nicki  (Amanda)  Nicki  Nicki
13	<p><b>AOB.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bob – correction to last Minutes - £30 for pair of barrow wheels. (Done – Amanda to send out confirmed V2 of Minutes)_</li> <li>b. Ashley <u>confirmed</u> updated produce price sheet is in potting shed.</li> </ol>	Amanda (done)

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via Zoom at 7.30pm.

Host : Amanda via Zoom

Chairman: Amanda de Haast Minute Taker: John Whitlock

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