

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 10th March 2022: at 7.30pm

Present: Amanda de Haast (Chair), John Whitlock, Ray Beard, Ashley Brown, Gerry Robbins (minute taker), John Fluker, Vicki, Carolyn Whitfield, Helena Stewart-Matthews, Rob Treble
Apologies: Michael Trower and Nicki Douet

REF	ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	Meeting venue	Methodist Hall	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting (January)	Approved	
3	Actions from last meeting		
1	Greenhouse Staging	Ongoing	JW
2	Large Rotavator	Ongoing	AB
3	Coppicing	Done. Probably sufficient poles obtained	AdH
4	Spring Clean on February 12th	Completed. All should try keep the potting shed clean and tidy. Pat Robbins thanked for her sterling work.	All
5	Stake Caps	There are 4 pairs of safety over-specs available for use by crop pickers and can be fund hanging up near the desk. Tennis balls will be trialled as way of safety-capping tops of poles at eye level.	RT and JW
6.	Calendar 2022 & WI Link Tea	Various events were discussed. Next one is WI Link Tea on 12th March at which CW, AdH and Sandy will be present.	AB
4	Finance report (Attached)	<p>Ins and Outs: AB gave a verbal report as paper copies not available for all present. Working balance £11,152. "Cost of Sales" slightly above budget at £1,848. Income is as expected.</p> <p>Project work: Greenhouses following storm damage not yet completed.</p> <p>Fruit bushes for new Cage, Polytunnel staging and new rhubarb plants completed.</p> <p>It was agreed to buy 20 more road lamp pins at £45.</p> <p>Further £150 spend needed on building supplies inc. for steps over the east wall.</p> <p>New cover for southern polytunnel (c. £160) to be d/w Bob Spackman (BS).</p> <p>AB informed the committee that G&F was not required to pay a fee to the Information Commissioner's Office for GDP as we are a NFP organisation.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>RT</p>

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5	Garden update (John W)	<p>New Report on Website. Garden in good shape with hand beds prepared for this season's planting. Good germination rates. Trialling 5 compost combinations, some with vermiculite. new fruit bushes: problems with first choice of supplier causing delay, alternative supplier used and bushes now planted. Cuttings of gooseberry "Golden Drop" being raised by BS to complete the planting. Rhubarb all planted. New volunteers, David (? surname) and Judy Young welcomed. Tony Samson likely to be leaving area soon and will be greatly missed in view of his hard work for G&F.</p>	JW
6	Allotments - update (Michael)	<p>By email. Dip tanks cleaned. Water will be turned on soon after checking drain plugs. Mowing Rota – will send an email out as new people needed to replace Robin and John L. Richard Bayes has volunteered to join mowing rota.</p>	MT
7	G+F Website & Comms. (Ashley)	<p>Newsletter about to be issued. Discussion re G&F presence at Ripley Farmers Market (11.06.22), Horsley Farmers Market (20.08.22) and West Horsley Picnic (11.09.22). To be included in revised Events Diary. A classical concert for Ukraine to be held in WHVH on Sunday 10th April. Members encouraged to support.</p>	AB
8	Building team update (Rob)	<p>Greenhouse repairs following storm damage were partially completed. RB is supplying glass from his old greenhouse to replace broken panes. Activators require attention or replacement. A step to be built over the east wall to allow easier access between allotments and the Potting Shed. White tape to be applied to lowest tier of wires along the central avenue to mark position of main veg beds and paths to assist marking out.</p>	
9	Wildlife – update (Gerry)	<p>Noticeboard by pond repaired by Building Team. A fixed wildlife noticeboard to be placed in Potting Shed. GR to try an old cork board for size. If not suitable, RT to order a suitable option. Moth Trap event: this was deemed a "non-starter" as would require bright light, potentially noisy generator and after hours activity in the garden which might upset local residents and contravene our contract.</p>	GR RT
10	Plant labels (Gerry)	<p>14 new labels made for new fruit bushes. Stock materials for labels now running low. Agreed to purchase 2 lengths of aluminium for future use. RT offered to supply wooden stakes with a sloping top for correct viewing angle of labels. This would avoid expense of using aluminium for stakes, although less durable.</p>	GR & RT
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12	AOB	The G&F Green Shed painting by Colin Twinn has been accepted for the Surrey Hills Art exhibition at Denbies 9-22 May. Seed Sowing Demo to be led by Bob Spackman at G& F on 14.03.22.	MT
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Meeting closed: 9:05pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 17th April 2022 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

Chairman: Amanda de Haast Minute Keeper: John Fluker.



At The Grace and Flavour Allotments by Colin Twinn