

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 9th March 2023: at 7.30pm

Present	Gerry (Chair), John W, Beverley, Ray, Michael, Ashley, John F, Vicky		
Apologies	Carolyn, Rob, Helena		
Minute Taker	Vicky		
REF	ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1.	Meeting venue	Methodist Village Hall	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting (Feb)	Approved	
3.	Actions from last meeting		
1	H&S/Risk Assessment	GR has put a copy of the Bonfire Rules in the Handbook and on the H&S Notice Board	
2	Handbook: Review of expenses policy	This has been and will continue to be reviewed. Ashley has redone the expenses policy which is now in the Handbook	
3	Lime Trees	Most of the hard core has now been removed. Weeds will, for the time-being, continue to be laid down on the paths until the weed bins are relocated by the building team.	RT
4	NGS Open Day	BN has updated the spreadsheet of tasks and will re-issue. The latest issue of <i>Vantage Point</i> has just done an article about the NGS which unfortunately we were not aware of before they went to print. BN will now attend the NGS lunch on Sunday 12 th to collect our signage instead of GR and VR.	BN
5	Publicising G&F: U3A and Google maps	GR has heard from the U3A Chairman elect, Paul Dobson, that they are happy to publicise our events. GR has updated information on G&F in the noticeboard outside Budgens. GR will make contact with Horsley Directory re their community page. Members are encouraged to review G&F on Google Maps to increase our profile.	GR ALL
4.	Induction & New Members	Two new members were recently put through the induction process: David Donaldson was inducted by GR and Wendy Hardiman-Evans by BN. Both are going to volunteer on Thursdays. Both did not have reading glasses with them which proved a problem when going through the paperwork. BN has amended the form to make it more user-friendly and has put some blank forms in the Skills folder.	
5.	Events	Ashley has received an email from Ripley Farmers Market to confirm our presence on 10 th June. The market that month is going to be larger than usual and stay open for longer (2pm). They have asked whether we want to sell vegetables or just do a Show and Tell. We agreed to leave this decision open for now.	GR AB

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6.	H&S: Traffic mirror	GR has researched a convex mirror which will have a viewing distance of 13m. It is 600mm in diameter. It was agreed to discuss with RT before making a decision.	GR/RT
7.	Finance Report	Our finances are in a healthy position. We have nearly £12,000 in the bank and about to get a small dividend on our contingency account. Sales are lean but understandable at this time of the year. Expenses have mainly been on cost of sales and maintenance. John has bought more asparagus (see below). Pollarding was more expensive than anticipated but they did take away the old tree as well and shred all the branches which we have used on paths etc.	
8.	Garden update	We have developed a third asparagus bed so more crowns have been purchased which will be planted next month. There have been issues with the size of the fruit cage which has meant that we may have enough poles to make a second pea cage. The weather has not been kind to us and most of the seedlings are not growing on due to the cold. John has bought new modular seed trays which are smaller than the ones we currently use meaning we get 60 modules in a smaller tray. This has positive consequences for both storage and compost use. He has only bought 5 for now to see how they perform. The space between the walls has now been dug over and is ready to grow vegetables for the food bank.	
9.	Allotments	The plot at the bottom of the allotments has now been taken over by two ladies who appear to be very keen. A couple appeared to be interested in the ½ plot next to the potting shed but have not made any effort to come and see the plot, so it may be offered to the next person on the waiting list. MT has changed the gate code and has put together a new mowing rota which will be issued in due course.	MT
10.	G+F Website & Comms.	Nothing to report.	
11.	Building team update	GR read an update from RT which stated that their main focus had been on building the new fruit cage. GR has had an email from the National Trust to say that their Building Supervisor, Aileen Carreon, will be visiting on 15th March to make an inspection on planned maintenance work which includes our boundary wall.	
12.	Wildlife – update	Nothing to report	

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13.	AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) WC incident – unfortunately Mark discovered that the WC had recently been left in a very bad state including soiled underwear. We have no way of knowing who did this but GR has apologised to Mark on behalf of the Directors that he had had to deal with the mess. 2) Ripley Farmers Market – dealt with in 5. above. 3) NT Email – dealt with in 11. Above. 4) Map of water supply and drains – this issue arose because two new members had uncovered pipes when digging in the bed between the walls. Fortunately, no damage had been done. AB said there is a map and he will display it in the potting shed. 5) Protection of pipes – to be discussed with RT. 6) Tithe – VR has a meeting about practical issues surrounding the merger of East Horsley Care and West Horsley Wheel of Care next week and will raise this issue then. It was agreed that G&F should put a limit on how many bags we prepare each week but leave it up to Wheel of Care to decide who the recipients are. 	<p>AB</p> <p>RT</p> <p>VR</p>
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Next Meeting: Thursday 13th April 2023 7.30pm, Methodist Hall Wesley Meeting Room

Chairman: Gerry Robbins **Minute Taker:** John Fluker