

## GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING

Minutes from Thursday 21st<sup>th</sup> April 2022, at 7.30pm, Wesley Room, Methodist Church

REF	ITEM	LEADER
<b>Acting Chairman</b>	<b>Amanda de Haast</b>	
<b>Minute Taker</b>	<b>Vicky Rutherford</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Nicki Douet, Gerry Robbins, Helena Stuart Matthews, John Fluker	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Actions from last meeting</b>	
1	Greenhouse staging – completed. Ray donated staging	JW/RT
2	Large Rotivator – David P is chasing the person who made the initial enquiry	AB
3	Stake Caps – tennis balls donated by Richard (allotment holder). [Post meeting: JW returned to 100+ on his doorstep. AB to put on website that we don't need any more!]	AB
4	WI Link Tea: Positive feedback to our stand. Not many visitors but we successfully recruited three new members: Harry Axten, Peter Fava and Anne Smith.	AdH/CW
5	Ukraine Fundraising Concert led by allotmenteer, Walija Cheu. Good support from garden members, sadly not from general public. However, she raised £500 and three more concerts are planned including one at Holy Trinity Guildford Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April.	All
6	Poly Tunnel replacement cover. Agreed to purchase at a cost of £226. Amanda will submit application for grant to WHPC.	AdH
<b>4</b>	<b>Finance report:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update – we continuing to be in good shape with a working balance of £11,307.</li> <li>2. Agreed not to ask WHPC for a grant to cover cost of drainage.</li> <li>3. Agreed to purchase netting for fruit bushes as soon as possible at a cost of c. £200.</li> </ol>	Ashley
<b>5</b>	<b>Garden update</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We are currently cropping spinach, salad, asparagus and rhubarb.</li> <li>2. Slug and pigeon damage on early brassicas (caused by covering not being replaced properly) but they are recovering.</li> <li>3. No real difference discerned on compost trial however the Which Best Buy probably had the worst outcome.</li> <li>4. Watering rota agreed.</li> <li>5. Considering re-siting greenhouses nearer to polytunnels in the future.</li> <li>6. Wood chip – we don't need any more. Current pile to be used on paths/terrace but not around fruit trees or plants.</li> </ol>	John
<b>6</b>	<b>Allotments</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mowing rota started on Thursday but managed to strike water. Need to make pipes more obvious.</li> <li>2. Gate code has been changed.</li> </ol>	MT

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7	G+F Website and Communications A student from Howard of Effingham School made contact re completing volunteer section of DofE at the garden. JW has responded to her email.	AB
8	Building Team 1. Staging and new vents have been completed in greenhouses. 2. Two noticeboards put up in potting shed 3. Lots of clearing behind wall (NT side). 4. Pea cage has been extended.	RT (absent)
9	Wildlife – update. 1. Both new hedges doing well. North boundary hedge netting will need to be removed soon but not urgent from my perspective. The newer east wall infill hedging may need watering if this dry spell continues. 2. Pond Area. Well tidied up with Ashley's help. Corner by noticeboard cleared and replanted with a Buddleia; edged with lavender by Tom. Thank you. 3. Nest boxes surveyed 17th April. 13 of the 24 show nesting activity but only one tit egg and two dove squabs in one box so far. Several boxes in allotment area appear to have been opened by a 'third party'. Any ideas how we should tackle this?	GR (absent)
10	OGM – 14 <sup>th</sup> May at 1pm. Agreed verbal update only by Amanda, Ashley and John W. John F to do take minutes.	All
11	Bio Blitz – West Horsley Place on Sat 14 May from 5am. We have received invitation to man a stand and run an activity. AdH, CW, GR, VR, Jane King and Sandy H-P volunteered to help, 10-4pm. One bag of compost from garden plus pumpkin and sunflower seeds.	AdH
AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Report of hand injury to Jill Downs. Has been noted in Incident book by RB. Need to include in next newsletter a reminder for check if your tetanus is up to date.</li> <li>2. Request for straightforward written instructions to be made available on how to operate the urn. MT/RB to do.</li> <li>3. 11 June confirmed for presence at Ripley Farmers Market 9am-1pm. Two new banners are on order. Rota needed.</li> <li>4. Fetcham U3A will be visiting 4 May at 2.30pm.</li> <li>5. We have been invited to attend NT Tenants Association AGM in Devon. Ashely will decline.</li> <li>6. Defibrillator – we need to coordinate with other parish locations to get on the Circuit servicing rota.</li> <li>7. Nicki Douet has formally handed in her resignation. She has reassured us that she will continue to come down to the garden and will be formally thanks for her significant contribution at the AGM in November.</li> <li>8. Horsley Farmers market on 20 August to be put on website.</li> <li>9. General discussion about refugees being housed in Thatchers and how we may be able to reach out to them.</li> </ol>	<p>RB/AB</p> <p>MT/RB</p> <p>CW</p> <p>JW</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AdH/AB</p> <p>AdH</p> <p>AB</p>

**Next Meeting: Ordinary General Meeting on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm, Potting Shed**

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