

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 10th June 2021: at 7.30pm (Zoom Meeting)

Present: Amanda (Chair), John W, John F, Helena, Nicki, Ray, Ashley, Michael, Robin, Gerry, Bob (Scribe)

Apologies : Rob Treble

REF	ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	Meeting venue	Zoom.	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting (April)		
3.	Actions from last meeting	April MoM approved and signed by Chairman.	
1	Course for First Aiders. Defibrillator pads - ongoing	Ashley awaiting for response organiser. Amanda organising course	Ashley Amanda
2	Covid 19 Guidelines – update?	Calendar defunct.	
3	Tithe – on schedule? Garden and Wheel of care	Starts: 8th July - 16th September.	John Nicki
4	D of E students - update	2 lads, Tommy & Edward, coming, both helpful and keen. Another lad, Alexander, may begin in September, previously did a Bronze award with us and now looking to do Gold.	
5	Polytunnel Cover – complete?	1. Completed. 2. Amanda to send letter to Sally Newman of Parish Council and thank them for donation.	Amanda
4	Finance report: 1. Update	1. Money balance: £9,681. Income is ahead of 2020 at this time. 2. Ashley had emailed latest accounts before meeting. 3. 2019-20 accounts have been submitted to Companies House. 4. Box of vegetables to go to Brian Manners by way of thank you for reviewing accounts.	
5	Garden update	1. Things are looking pretty healthy, lot of vegetables coming on stream, beans, cabbages etc. 2. Problem resulting from wet May has meant weeds are now a huge problem. May reduce amount planted. 3. last year we planted 5 beds of carrots, this year may reduce to 3 as so labour intensive. 4. Reviewing quantities for future years. 5. Rogue potatoes a challenge. 6. Flowers, lovely selection on offer. Additional area sowed this year. 7. Northern bed of asparagus may be abandoned due to bindweed. Replace with squash or similar annual crop. 8. June report is on the website. 9. No immediate plans for resumption of Saturday sales to public. Review in July.	

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6	Allotments - update 1. Raised beds	1. Raised beds damaged when installing allotment drains. Michael going to email allotment holders to advise periodic inspections made. 2. Dip tank near John & Penny's allotment has a ball cock problem and water being wasted. Ray will investigate.	Michael Ray
7	G+F Website and Communications	1. Newsletter being prepared. - lock-up and padlock reminder 2. padlock code will change soon.	Ashley
8	Building Team Report: 1. New three-bay weed bin built 2. Cold frames rebuilt and supported on pallets off the ground 3. Allotment drainage complete with a little soil/grass seed reinstatement to finish 4. Pea cage top & side netting removed by request head gardener. (note for next year - pea row planted too close to pick peas, create walk-way to save repeat netting moves. 5. Support wires on inside West Wall replaced and secured 6. Varnishing of south gable end to Potting Shed commenced.		
9	Wildlife - update	1. Nesting boxes: Nesting success much less than last year owing to weather conditions 2. Weeds in new hedge are a challenge. Good news, the saplings are doing well. 3. Nettles dominating in places, need to be dealt with to prevent monoculture developing. 4. Smooth Newts in the pond, but no frogs so far.	
10	Social Events	Wine and Nibbles Sat 26 th June @6pm, tbc, following any changes in pandemic restrictions Bob has the bubbly.	All
11	Wheelbarrows	2 wheels stolen, have been replaced recycling old wheels for time being. Should barrows be stacked or left around garden like the tools?	
12	Plant Britain	– try to reconnect with Raleigh School	Amanda
13	West Horsley in Bloom	Entry form submitted by John W. Some allotmenters have also entered.	
14	Visit from Dene Place residents (4 th June)	– sadly cancelled on day due to rain. To be rescheduled	John W
AOB	1. The Duke of Gloucester Rose 2. Robin: Big Day Out 3. Michael. 4. Ray 5. Ashley 6. "	1. Relocated back to prime position by Tom's Gate by Tom, John F and Trevor. Commemorative Plaque to be put back on West Wall by building team. 2. HCPS have asked if G&F could man a stall at Big Day Out on 4 th July at Horsley Towers. 3. Michael has the strimmer, expects to pass to Rob T or Gerry happy to hold it. Out side of west wall needs doing. 4. Surrey Pleinair painters in August. 5. Have been offered Veg Trays - more info needed. 6. Fruit looking alright, particularly pears. Ray thinks summer pruning should begin soon.	Rob T Amanda Ashley.

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Meeting closed: 9.50pm

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Next Meeting: Thursday 8th July 2021 at 7.30pm in the GF garden (we hope).

Chairman: Amanda de Haast Minute Taker: John Fluker