

**GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**Minutes from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022, at 7.30pm, Potting Shed**

REF	ITEM	LEADER
	<b>Acting Chairman</b>	<b>Gerry Robbins</b>
	<b>Minute Taker</b>	<b>Vicky Rutherford</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Present:</b> Ray Beard, Helena Stuart-Matthews, Carolyn Whitfield, Michael Trower, Ashley Brown, Beverly Nash, Vicky Rutherford, Gerry Robbins <b>Apologies:</b> Amanda de Haast, John Whitlock, John Fluker, Rob	
<b>2.</b>	Beverly Nash was formally welcomed to the committee	GR
<b>3.</b>	Minutes of Last Meeting (see 4.3 below)	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Actions from last meeting</b>	
	1 Large Rotivator – ongoing	AB
	2 Poly Tunnel Cover – This has been completed and the grant application to WHPC has been submitted	BS/AB
	3 The OGM was well received with a reasonable attendance. Minutes are available in the red file in the Potting Shed	AdeH
	4 BioBliz – the event was not well attended by local people but those who did come were interested in the G+F stand and there has been positive feedback on Instagram by the organisers. Children took away 45 seeds planted in small pots and about 4 people expressed interest in volunteering. The G+F stand was linked to the Sunflower Project organised by Judy Young.	AdH/CW
	5 Ripley Farmers Market – CW organising this after being asked to provide a stand by the organisers. It will be a show and tell stand with a small box of produce. CW suggested we organise a welcome day for potential new volunteers from BioBlitz/Farmers Market/Website.	CW
	6 Defibrillator service – we have registered ours on the Circuit database which lists other local machines	AdH/AB
	7 Refugees at Thatchers Hotel. Noted that AdeH has been in correspondence with the Community Engagement Advisor at GBC and is waiting to hear if there is any interest in a visit to the garden.	AdH
	8 Instructions to operate the urn. – ongoing	RB
<b>5</b>	Finance report: 1. 2022 income currently £270 less than last year. 2. We have had a £12 dividend from the bank! 3. Water bill of £780 has been paid to end September 4. Ashley will ask Justine to update the produce price list. 5. Ashley has submitted our accounts to Companies House and HMRC.	Ashley
<b>6</b>	1. Sowing and planting is continuing apace and most of John's list should be done by the time he gets back. 2. Lots to crop including Rhubarb which is picked up after rain 3. Polytunnels both planted up. 4. The Wednesday Weeders have been hard at work 5. Rob (a new volunteer) now coming twice a week 6. The first courgette of the season has been picked!	Ray

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7	<p>Allotments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The building team has excavated and put protective covers on stopcocks.</li> <li>2. MT has sent a reminder to Allotmenters about correct use of the padlock and AB will add to newsletter.</li> <li>3. MT has also reminded Allotmenters about 'borrowing' G+F equipment.</li> <li>4. WHIB – not sure if any will enter but if they do Helena asked that they be reminded to mark and name each corner of their allotment.</li> </ol>	MT
8	<p>G+F Website and Communications</p> <p>VR will send Ashley information about the Tithe to put in the newsletter.</p> <p>Saturday shop – put on next agenda</p>	AB  AdeH
9	<p>Building Team</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concrete step-over wall to/from allotments is complete.</li> <li>2. Grass/brambles strimming to Ripley Lane verge completed</li> <li>3. Pea cage and netting erected and complete</li> <li>4. Assisted in new poly-tunnel cover pull-over and fixing.</li> <li>5. It was noted that the measuring sticks need reviewing and renovating.</li> </ol>	RT (absent)
10	<p>Wildlife – update.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GR has sent WHPC a report on the work completed following their grant. He will send AB a copy.</li> <li>2. Outside hedge – lots of weeds and netting still attached to boundary fence so that it can be deployed again.</li> <li>3. Number of fledglings up from last year; more great tits than blue tits.</li> <li>4. Pond is looking healthy.</li> <li>5. Hazel coppice in NW corner doing very well.</li> <li>6. Wildlife corridor also doing well with not a lot of weeds.</li> </ol>	GR
11	<p>WHIB – we are entering but reluctantly. The Wednesday weeders will do a big push and volunteers could also be asked to spend some time picking up plastic. Judging is on 22 June.</p>	All
12	<p>Summer Social. AB will put a notice in the newsletter</p>	AB
AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MT asked that AB put a note in the next newsletter about asking members to drive more slowly in the car park.</li> <li>2. Wheel of Care Tithe. It was agreed that using the compostable bags was much better than the ice cream box system. VR will ask Nicki where the bags came from and who paid for them. RB will ask the hospital if they have any spare hand sanitiser.</li> <li>3. CW asked AB to give some training on the SumUp payment device so that we can use it for Saturday sales.</li> <li>4. AB will represent G+F at the Horsley Garden Society event on 16<sup>th</sup> July.</li> </ol>	AB  VR  RB AB

**Next Meeting: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30am, Potting Shed**

**Chairman: Gerry Robbins Minute Taker: John Whitlock.**