

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
Thursday 8th June 2023: at 7.30pm

Present	Gerry (Chair), John W, Beverley, Vicky, Rob, Michael, Ashley, Helena, Carolyn		
Apologies	Ray, John F		
Minute Taker	John W		
REF	ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1.	Meeting venue	G&F Garden	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting (June)	Approved	
3.	Actions from last meeting		
1	NGS Open Day	The organising team are meeting again next Thursday. The assistant area organiser visited the garden today and was very helpful. She made a few suggestions – we should put up a sign 'This is a working garden'. As most visitors are over 50 – we need to improve the step over the edging towards the polytunnels. Rob has agreed to do this. We should ensure the gate entrance is clear. We need signs to indicate 'Uneven paths'. A rota for the various tasks on the day is being produced.	RT
2	Publicity Horsley Directory	We were not in time to advertise the open day in the Horsley Directory. It was not included in the E Horsley newsletter.	
3	Potting Shed Clear Up	A tidy up to take place prior to Open Day. However we will have gazebos to help with any weather issues.	
4	AED and Resuscitation training and allotment statement	'CIC is not responsible for people working on their allotment' Gerry wanted this to be included in allotment agreements. Michael thought that we wanted just to send an e mail stating this. In order to change the terms of allotment agreements G& F needs to give 6 months' notice.	
4.	Induction and New Members	There have been quite a number of new members inducted. Ashley to send out bank details to the new members.	AB
5.	Report on OGM	Short and successful. One item raised which is in AOB	
6.	St John First Aid Training	U3A cycling group want to set up a first aid course – cost £10 a head. If we had any members interested we could combine. It is possible that some funding may be possible from U3A. We agreed the course could take place at G&F. We agreed to combine to increase the number of first aiders in the garden. Ashley to send out a newsletter including an item asking for people who would be interested. An idea from visits to other gardens was that perhaps we should include photos on the First Aiders list.	AB
7.	Finance report (Attached)	As OGM AB said batteries for resuscitator are expensive. He has bought the recent replacements on eBay. In future we may need to look at alternatives such as renting a resuscitator.	

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8.	Garden update	As OGM	
9.	Allotments - update	One person on the waiting list for ½ allotment. One allotment is in a very poor state. Michael has strimmed much of the area. The skip is full and will be collected on Friday 9 th June. Some allotment holders complained about cars going on the allotment paths. Michael has replied saying that this is acceptable. Michael has sent an e mail reminding people that dogs should not be allowed to wander from their owners' allotment. Toilets for Open Day are arriving the Wednesday before Open Day and taken away the following Wednesday	
10.	G+F Website & Comms.	Nothing to report.	
11.	Building team update	The team are on schedule to finish the patio by the end of the month.	
12.	Wildlife – update	The pond noticeboard is falling down and needs removing. Ashley to send Gerry a link to noticeboards we have bought previously. The north hedge has too many weeds and is not growing well The east hedge is growing well and is starting to shade the polytunnel	AB/GR
12.	AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rainwater Storage – agreed not practical in any significant quantity, there is a butt on the rear of the potting shed. A borehole had been investigated a few years ago and was deemed too expensive 2. There will be a barbecue after the open day. Ashley to purchase burgers etc 3. Could agenda be on one page? Gerry to investigate. 4. Ripley Farmers Market this weekend. 4 members led by Carolyn will be there to publicise the garden 5. Garden group meeting next week 	

Next Meeting: Thursday 13th July 2023 7.30pm, Garden

Chairman: Gerry Robbins Minute Taker: Vicky Rutherford