

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING

Minutes

for Thursday 9th July 2020: at 7.30pm (Zoom Meeting)

REF	ITEM
Chairman	Amanda de Haast
Minute Taker	John Whitlock
1	Apologies John Fluker
2	Minutes of Last Meeting Approved
3.	Actions from last meeting
	1 Documentation – Collection of file from Su Johnson - ongoing Action ongoing
	2. NT/trees - update Robin reported there were no further developments as no response from Sue Streeter, but 5 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The dead branches on the poplars hanging over the road were the NT responsibility b) Double stemmed ash has ash dieback and is not G&F's responsibility c) Oak Processionary Moth no further development and is therefore off the agenda in future as NT dealing with it d) Mulberry tree Action get advice from Rob Grist and possibly get him to remove the dead limbs. e) Monitoring large birch which appears to be suffering from spring draught, again advice from Rob Grist but go back to NT f) Dead trunk – Action to ask Rob Grist to cut down Bob Spackman to contact Rob Grist re trees
	3. Wildlife/Pond – any comment? Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To keep topping up the pond and monitor the levels b) Remove seed heads from invasive flowering plants and try to remove the plants in the early autumn
	4. Rules and regulation review - ongoing Action Ashley to follow up skills templates that Rob has produced
	5. Summer Pruning- update Ashley reported that the majority of the pruning had been completed but some more work on the trees will need to be done in the late summer.
	6 Greenhouse Staging – ongoing Action John W with Tim Bennett will investigate the costs of purpose built staging but it would not be bought until after the beginning our new financial year
	7 Noticeboards (x 2) - ongoing Action ongoing
	8. Allotments update Water consumption is markedly up on last year reading at an equivalent time Allotments Last year 26 cubic metres this year 48 cubic metres Garden Last year 50 cubic metres this year 117 cubic metres This reflects a very dry spring Ashley reported that our new water company Castle had already sent a bill for April to October which was strongly worded about non-payment. Ashley has paid the bill. Action Ashley to Compare estimate with actual reading

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	<p>9 Tithe – update First week went well using compostable bin bags. Ashley has been offered some boxes with lids, which could be possibly be used Action Ashley to request a photo of the boxes to establish if they are worth taking.</p>
	<p>10. Sale of Produce – update. Price list updated? It is still outdated Action Ashley to ask Justine if she can update</p>
	<p>11. Covid 19 Guidelines – any update/still working? Working generally effectively. Agreed change of numbers to 20+2 Action Ashley Guidelines changed and communicated to active members</p>
	<p>12. Instagram – CW has launched G+F site. Action If anyone has any suitable up to date photos which may be of interest, contact her.</p>
	<p>13 GladRags/WHP project – Amanda produced an excellent piece for the project and submitted it</p>
	<p>14. Worms – Wormery we have 4 running at the present time</p>
	<p>15. Fire Safety equipment – update The equipment has been serviced, and new blanket and CO2 detector have been stencilled</p>
	<p>16. Garden Safety review – update Stakes have been removed. Painting kerb stones was discussed. Action Rob and team to paint top of stakes with white paint</p>
	<p>17. Sub finance meeting – Action Amanda to circulate some proposed dates</p>
	<p>18. Trailers – check on road worthiness Ongoing</p>
	<p>19. Pest Control – update. Rat Poison recipe of two parts peanut butter to one part sodium bicarbonate discussed. There were some concerns about using it. Action Rob to keep using rat poison.</p>
4	<p>Finance report Attached</p>
5	<p>Garden update Planting ahead of last year's schedule e.g. 2660 leeks planted before July 4th the first date any were planted last year. Cropping has produced some issues. Action John W Monitor cropping, if problems persist we may return to cropping days. Ashley to send note to all active members re notes/ guidelines on cropping</p>
6	<p>Allotments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PC Allotment Management Agreements these will be agreed with parish councils for the next three year period. 2. There is a waiting list of 3 for an allotment 3. Works in the Allotments Action. Any work that is being planned or executed should be notified to Michael</p>
7	<p>G+F Website and Communications There is now an active members list which will enable more targeted communications</p>

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8	<p>Building Team – East Wall quote. Estimated cost of £400.</p> <p>Action Rob to complete a mini risk assessment for the work and contact the NT stating the issue and what is planned to resolve it.</p> <p>A temporary repair is in hand, and a permanent solution will be started when the NT have agreed it.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- Weed bins updates</p> <p>Action. Rob needs to go to the wood yard to agree and arrange the acquisition of the material needed as they have not responded to his e mail</p>
9	<p>Tom S's request for Hessian Weed suppressant Some concerns about the idea. The life of the material is unknown. Ideal for use at planting time, rather than around mature plants. It was agreed to monitor the Wisley experiment and consider again in the future.</p>
10	<p>Frog Decorating Competition – winner to be notified Prizes to awarded on 18th July</p>
11	<p>Defibrillator-update A lady appeared... she checked and passed the defibrillator.</p> <p>Action We need to keep a record of the check</p> <p>Nicki to check and add the expiry dates of the pads Ashley to e mail the lady we think did the check to confirm for our records</p>
12	<p>Volunteer to cover Mark Blower's duties re eco-toilet Action The building team will act as cover for Mark.</p>
AOB	<p>Robin put forward Tom Suffolk's idea of membership categories which was discussed.</p> <p>Bob suggested we need more punnets for fruit.</p>

Next Meeting: Thursday 13th August, 7.30pm. Venue TBC

Chairman: Amanda de Haast Minute Taker: