

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 8th July 2021: at 7.30pm

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

REF	ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	Meeting venue	All attending delighted to be back at the garden.	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting (April)	Approved for signature by the Chairman.	
3.	Actions from last meeting		
1	Course for First Aiders. Defibrillator pads - ongoing	Amanda reported that Red Cross can hold course on line in Sept.; Nick Croft can provide a course at the garden at £20 per participant; check accreditation in context of insurance. Defibrillator – Ashley still trying to get 2021 service/re-charge arranged. (HCPS also wish to arrange, for village defibrillators); 2020 service was by NHS SE Coast Ambulance Service.	Ashley Amanda
2	Covid 19 Guidelines – update?	Reminder to be circulated on website in relation to Government announcement of changes as at 19 July. Masks for Saturday sales (table inside main potting shed door or in car-park)	All
3	Tithe.	All went well today.	
4	Plant Britain – contact Raleigh School	Positive response received. Follow-up anticipated nearer start of Sept. term.	Amanda
5	Dene Place residents visit	Ask their Events Organiser to suggest two fresh dates.	Ashley
6.	EH Big Day Out	Postponed to Sun. 5 Sept. G&F stall/stance has been registered (no charge). Further discussion on logistics at Aug. meeting.	
7.	WH in Bloom.	Judges have been to garden. Presentations are on 24 July.	
8.	Veg. box to Brian Manners	Delivered.	
9.	Offer of veg. trays	Further details/photo requested from offeror; no response.	
10.	Wine & cheese on 26 June. (Nicki)	Some rain, but good attendance and enjoyed by those who attended.	
4	Finance report (Ashley): update (TABLED)	1. Working balance: £9,676. Income is slightly ahead of 2020 at this time. 2. Greenhouse staging – update needed from Tim Bennett. 3. East wall materials & small plant hire will overspend but drainage project underspent. 4. Water bill £266 but based on estimate; actual reading to be sent and any refund due is then to be requested. 5. Additional expenditure item - £150 for treatment of West wall timber props. (Approved).	Ashley Rob

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5	Garden update (John W.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall, work and growth behind 2020 owing to Spring weather conditions. Fewer volunteers but some very hard workers! 2. Asparagus beds – 1 bed to be abandoned; “blitz” needed on perennial weeds; one further new bed. 3. Peas & broad beans like current weather conditions – excellent yields. 4. 2500 leeks planted, along with 3 beds of carrots instead of 5 in 2020. 5. Garden meeting on 13 July. 6. Redcurrants, gooseberries, blackcurrants very soon. 7. Pears looking promising but frosts hit plum blossom. 8. Saturday sales – peas & broad beans at present; potatoes not to be sold. Limited lettuces. Resume this coming Saturday 9. Cropping – Tue., Thurs. & Sat. to be resumed as regular cropping days (+ Wed. for some tithe crops). 10. Summer pruning – just started. 	John (10) John F., Ashley et al.
6	Allotments - update (Michael)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One mower on middle section rota has given up; Ashley to continue. 2. One allotment very weedy – not being worked. Michael will monitor. 	Michael Michael
7	G+F Website & Comms. (Ashley)	John W. & Gerry updates now “flowing” – regularly put on website.	Ashley
8.	Building team update (Rob)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strimming ongoing along outside of West wall in prep. for timber treatment. 2. North end of main path cleared of weeds. 3. Potting shed timber treatment ongoing. 4. East wall supports – August. 5. Another weed bin needed (!) but “soil” bin to be cleared out. 6. Manhole cover keys needed. 	Amanda
9	Wildlife – update (Gerry)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New display completed. 2. Much weed control work undertaken. 3. Pond flowers trimmed and secured with 2020 bean poles & string. 4. Tansy removal ongoing. 5. Pond looking good; very few dragon flies, but some damsel flies. 6. New hedge being mulched with woodchip to suppress weeds. 7. Path being strimmed. 8. Black cat seen. 9. Steel stakes – more needed. 10. Swifts & swallows seen. 	
10.	AOCB.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gerry mentioned that Eddie and Lesley had recently married; G&F will send mugs and a card to them. 	Amanda (?)
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. Old red mower has disappeared; replacement needed. 	All

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			c. Remaining birch tree on allotments side is dying back – increasingly. Report to Sue Streeter (NT) (DONE) Gerry to recover bird boxes on it.	Robin; Gerry
			d. 3 loads of woodchip have been delivered – can be used for asparagus bed to be “abandoned”.	

Meeting closed: 8.50pm Next Meeting: Thursday 12th August 2021 at 7.30pm in the GF garden .

Chairman: Amanda de Haast Minute Taker: John Fluker