

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 14th July 2022: at 7.30pm

Present: Gerry (Chair), John W, Ray, Ashley, Vicki, Helena, Beverley

Apologies: Rob, Michael, Carolyn and Amanda

REF	ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1.	Meeting venue	G&F Garden	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting (June)	Approved	
3.	Actions from last meeting		
1	Large Rotavator	Ongoing	
2	Ripley Farmers Market	It was a success. Names and E mails were taken. Invites to an introductory session were made. As a result 2 new members signed up. We should repeat this strategy in future.	
3	Saturday Shop	It was decided to advertise this shortly particularly when the runner beans are abundant. We will sell surplus to those who turn up at the moment. Gerry will produce a new price list for member. John and Helena will then agree Saturday pricing based on 80%.	GR JW HSM
4	Measuring Sticks	Tim has produced some new ones, perhaps need more.	Tim B
5	WHIB Results	Grace and Flavour were awarded Gold.	
6	Summer Social	It was a success. However we need to advertise events more effectively. Through newsletters and poster in the potting shed. Vicki agreed to take a lead on social events.	Vicki
4.	Finance report (Attached)	We have a working balance of £10,870. Income will possibly be slightly down on last year. NT have increased our rent to £73 from £58. Agreed to buy a banner for our stalls at events.	
5.	Garden update	Overall the garden is being very successful. However the lack of rainfall in recent weeks is becoming an issue. A new sprinkler hose will be bought.	JW
6.	Allotments - update (Michael)	Nothing to report.	
7.	G+F Website & Comms. (Ashley)	Web pages will only be updated when content available. The Facebook and Instagram pages are updated regularly.	
8.	Building team update (Rob)	No update.	
9.	Wildlife – update (Gerry)	New report on website and on noticeboard.	
10.	Possible Invitation to NGS Scheme	We have been approached about being entered into the NGS. The committee agreed to explore further. A meeting to be arranged with Claire Bevan (Surrey NGS Coordinator) to gain a fuller understanding of their expectations, and the implications for us.	GR, JW, ADH

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11.	Vegetable Box for tennis balls provider	At a later date to be organised by John W and Helena.	JW HSM
12.	Bookham U3A request for visit	They requested a Wednesday pm. As no one was available Bookham U3A found an alternative.	
13.	NT Site Visit	<p>John W, Amanda and Ashley met with 3 members of the NT Hatchlands and SE team. The major discussions points were based around trees and walls. Rob to see the new surveyor (Aileen Carreon) to discuss the walls</p> <p>Sarah Archer confirmed that Sue Streeter will be making an inspection soon on the state of the trees along the roadside (slightly complicated as some are NT responsibility and others are SCC Highways). Perhaps we need to check on original scaled map to see what that reveals. SS will also check the oaks for OPM. SA suggested that soon the legislation/advice re OPM will change as it has become widespread now. We have historically looked after the limes (some to be pollard next year and inferred we will continue to do so as it is to our benefit to keep them under control</p>	RT
14.	New Volunteers Session	<p>One session occurred as a follow on from the Ripley Farmers Market and 2 new members attended. Appeared very successful.</p> <p>Ripley District want to advertise us in their newsletter</p>	
15.	WH Village Garden Party September 10th	Amanda leading on this. Everyone believed the garden game we have used at some previous events would be ideal for this event.	ADH
16.	Community Foundation for Surrey Grants	This new funding stream only seemed appropriate if we were to significantly change the way we function. Not relevant at the moment	
17.	Social Events	Agreed to continue with 6 th August pot luck lunch. Ashley to organise a barbecue. People bring their own food to barbecue.	AB VR
18.	New GF Photo-boards	<p>Simpler boards required which do not blow over, and are waterproof, for use at events that we promote the garden.</p> <p>CW is looking into getting new photo display boards put together. Rob T has given her the name of firm he uses. CW to research costs/timings when she returns from holiday.</p>	CW

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19.	AOB	<p>Auditor thanked us for his vegetable box.</p> <p>Offer of Pampas Grass was rejected.</p> <p>Ashley to organise vegetable stall for Horsley Garden Society Summer Show.</p> <p>Bob requested money for fan training the new redcurrants which was agreed.</p> <p>Ashley reported that we need to annually update the Risk Assessments e.g. use of tennis balls on stakes.</p> <p>Fire safety officer had completed the annual fire safety check</p>	AB AB
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Next Meeting: Thursday 11th August at 7.30pm in Potting Shed

Chairman: Amanda de Haast Minute Taker: John Fluker