

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING

Minutes Thursday 11th August 2022: at 7.30pm (Potting Shed)

REF	ITEM	ACTION
Present	Gerry -Chair: Helena, Vicky, Carolyn, Ray, Ashley, John W, Rob, Michael, and John F	
Minute Taker	John F	
1	Apologies: Amanda and Beverley	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting: Accepted and signed by Gerry.	
3.	Actions from last meeting	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Large rotivator: Ongoing but take off actions for the present time. 2. Possible NGS entry 2023. One day probably in July. Questions about parking raised but as a meeting with Clare Bevan has been scheduled for Thursday 18th August at 2pm we should leave a decision and any detailed discussions (if required) until after that. 3. Saturday Shop. It was felt that we did not have enough surplus to justify advertising the shop but a trickle of customers should be OK. (John W says that it all depends on the range of crops that we grow. If we restrict the range we will have more to sell but we are not keen to restrict the range in that way.) We can review again after the Horsley Farmers' Market. It was confirmed that the price list has been revised and is on display in the potting shed. Ashley confirmed that it would be put on the website. 4. Members' discounts: It was agreed that they should be: over 6 hours a week-80%, 3-6 hours-60%, 2-3 hours-30% and less than 2 hours 20%. The Handbook needs to be updated 5. Measuring Sticks: There are some new ones but more are needed. Tim is making these. 6. Sale Banner: Ordered and on its way. 7. WH Village Garden Party: Sat 10th September at WHP 2-5 pm. Amanda will deal with details on her return. 8. Social Events: August 6th – Pot Luck Lunch – All went well. Two barbecues in use. Very good turnout. 9. Vegetable Box (thank you for tennis balls): This must be done this weekend. 10. H&S/Risk Assessment – Annual Review. It is on the website but Ashley will send it around to all directors. 11. New G&F Photo Boards for Stall and Show and Tell Days: In progress for 10th September. 12. HGS Summer Show: Ashley managed to sell everything taken to the show and made £45. 13. Horsley Farmers' Market Sat 20th August: We now have sufficient volunteers for the stall and setting up and taking down. The vegetables to be taken to the event will be decided the day before. 	<p>AJdeH/ JW/GR</p> <p>JW/GR/ All/AB</p> <p>GR/All</p> <p>TB(via JW) AB AJdeH</p> <p>VR?</p> <p>JW and HSM AB/All</p> <p>CW/VR</p> <p>AB</p> <p>CW/JW</p>
4	Finance report: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report attached. Generally all on track to be a normal year. 	AB

5	<p>Garden update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No rain since our last meeting. Considering that we have done quite well. Trevor and JW are trying their best with regard to watering but it is not perfect. We need more equipment; hoses, sprinklers etc 2. Good news: the Wednesday weeders have been a great success. We will start them earlier next year. 3. More younger males needed for the heavy jobs around G & F. 4. The main jobs around the Garden are up to date except for the lifting of the potato crop. We are therefore trying to tidy up round the edges of the Garden (some has already been done). The big winter job will be the moving of the fruit cage. 5. Finally rat poison needs to be put down to avoid destruction of the sweetcorn crop. The sweetcorn is being harvested a bit early to try to avoid the problem but is OK.. 	JW
6	<p>Allotments -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All OK. 2. Lots of watering going on in the hot weather. 3. Four people on the waiting for an allotment. 	MT
7	<p>G+F Website and Communications</p> <p>John's update on the Garden and Gerry's update on wildlife are both on the website. The updated discounts mentioned above will be added.</p>	AB
8	<p>Building Team</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New concrete steps by the greenhouses 2. Potting shed timber has had two coats except for gable end (to be done shortly) 3. Windows to be cleaned. 4. Gutters to be cleared of leaves. 5. Green paint purchased for shed. 6. Onion stacker being repaired. 7. There is a problem with heat build up in the potting shed during the day but this should not be a problem after the weekend. 	RT
9	<p>Wildlife:</p> <p>The two new hedges have needed quite a bit of watering over this hot period but most should survive. The pond has been topped up.</p>	GR
10	<p>Potential Hosepipe Ban:</p> <p>It does not look as though we are going to have a hosepipe ban in this area and in any case it is likely that as we are growing food we would be exempt. This is a very good thing as using watering cans to water everything would probably be impossible</p>	GR
11	<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trees all recently inspected by the National Trust. (?) 2. Finance meeting to be arranged. (AJdeH) 3. Small Honda rotivator offered for sale to the Garden or any member but not required. (JF) 4. Bodgers' frame and tools to be offered to Bodging group or disposed of.(?) 5. Dip tanks to be kept covered to reduce risk of leptospirosis from rats. (All) 6. Additional hosepipes to be bought (JW) 7. Bookham Garden Society to visit possibly on 6.9.22 (JF) 	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm Next Meeting: Thursday 8th September 2022 in the Potting Shed at 7.30pm.

Acting Chairman: John Fluker Minute Taker: Beverley Nash