

**GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023: at 7.30pm**

Present	Gerry (Chair), John W, Beverley, Rob, Michael, Ashley, Carolyn		
Apologies	Ray, John F, Helena and Vicky		
Minute Taker	John W		
REF	ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1.	<b>Meeting venue</b>	Methodist Hall	
2.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting (June)</b>	Approved. Although Beverley will send the typos she has found to Gerry	BN
3.	<b>Actions from last meeting</b>		
1	<b>NGS Open Day -Stationary Requirements</b>	Agreed the NGS Open Day will be on 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 from 1-4pm. Beverley is going to lead the day. Carolyn will try to change Ripley Farmers Market to July next year, in order to advertise the day as it was a good source of visitors. Cherry Trees may be able to send one or two people to support the day if given prior notice. Carolyn and Beverley will agree our stationary requirements for the day. We will not hire a toilet, we can use our own.	CW and BN
2	<b>First Aid Course</b>	This was well led and a successful event with 18 attendees, roughly 50% each from U3A cycling group and GF. As a result in part of some U3A funding the St Johns A were able to raise some money for their organisation.	
3	<b>Induction and New Members</b>	Now going well. We are now passing on Bank details and gate codes via Whats App. There are perhaps some Wednesday Weeders not inducted. They will be chased. Beverley will update the members list.	BN
4	<b>Dog Rules</b>	Michael has sent around a dog's rules reminder. He reported that Cobham allotments were strict and if people disobeyed rules they lost their allotments.	
3.	<b>Finance report (Attached)</b>	Some important points. We have taken in £1000 less than previous year, in spite of increased prices and good crops. Our bank balance is reducing by about £3000 a year. There was a long ranging discussion re the merits of increasing our prices. It was decided to delay any changes but we may bring this issue up at the AGM.	
4.	<b>G+F Website &amp; Comms.</b>	We need to update dates and times of social events Tony M has been sent Mail Chimp details but he still needs to decide how to access it. GR reported that the Guildford Magazine had an article on community gardens but failed to include our name in local sites. GR has written to them.	AB and TM
5.	<b>Garden update</b>	Overall an excellent year with plenty of vegetables, fruit and flowers. 80-90% of sweet corn devastated by badgers. We need to remove one plum tree and possibly replace with a pear. JW to contact Jim Arbury re Plum Pox.	JW

